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This editorial appeared in *The Sun* on October 8, 1998. Since I can't imagine a more compelling endorsement for this Campaign, I won't attempt to write one here. For details on the goals and programs mentioned, see pages 2-3 as well as the article about the Starr gift on page 5.

—MDH

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There from the beginning

■ **Washington College:** *Raising support for 18th century roots, 21st century challenges.*

THE COUNTRY'S 10th oldest college, founded in 1782 and named for the commanding general of the American Revolution who served on its board until he became president of the United States, is looking to the nation's roots.

Washington College in Chestertown, is establishing a Center for the Study of the American Experience, linking what this republic has become with its origins.

This is a fitting self-assignment for a durable liberal arts college, keeping the faith in small-scale teaching, seeking to match its celebrated writing tradition.

The center is just one outcome of a $72 million capital campaign to strengthen the school's programs, faculty, scholarships and facilities.

The campaign should resonate among Washington College's 8,000 living alumni, nearly one-fourth of whom live in or near Baltimore.

Washington College is a beacon of culture and learning. With dedication to its more than 1,000 students, it is a vital part of the nation's tradition of small, independent, liberal arts colleges that are needed now more than ever.

Letter

(Coverage of Dennis Berry's death is on page 6. See also Dean Maureen McIntire's tribute on page 40.)

On behalf of Denny's entire family we wish to express our thanks and deep gratitude to the entire Washington College family for your support and prayers during these difficult days. Denny's passing has been a tragic event in our lives and for so many of you at Washington College. However, the outpouring of love from the students, alumni, administration, faculty and staff has been truly overwhelming and heartwarming. The kindness and support you have given so freely to our family has comforted us a great deal and will not be forgotten.

You have shared with us your time, your sorrow, your stories, and your memories. These are the things that will sustain us through some difficult moments ahead and we thank you.

All who knew Denny will agree that he did not sit still for long, if ever, and that he always moved ahead with enthusiasm, optimism, great determination, and always a sense of humor. We as a family are determined to do the same and to make this a powerful event in our lives. We believe that this will truly honor his memory and keep him close to us and in our hearts always.

Again, our thanks and love to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Judie '88 M'91, Tasha, and Justin Berry

Corrections

Nirosha Herath '96 and Taber Overall '96 were mistakenly referred to as males in the last issue. Stan Schottland was mistakenly referred to as Ken Schottland. We regret the errors.

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WC's $72 Million Campaign Goes Public

PHOTO GIBSON B. ANTHONY

The Campaign for Washington's College will affirm WC's place in American history as the first college of the new nation and assure the future success of the institution.

AT ITS September meeting, the Washington College Board of Visitors and Governors publicly announced a $72 million campaign intended to raise Washington College's profile and to establish it as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the country.

During a gala Colonial luncheon, replete with fife and drum corps and a George Washington impersonator, U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley made a case for liberal arts institutions within the broad spectrum of American higher education, stressing the importance of these institutions defining their own unique missions.

By taking advantage of natural and institutional strengths, including its environmental setting, its highly regarded creative writing program, and the College's place in the national tradition as the first college founded in the new nation under the patronage of General George Washington, College leaders believe that the academic reputation of the institution will be enhanced and its position among its peer institutions will be strengthened.

"The Campaign for Washington's College reflects two years of strategic planning, and will ultimately lift the College to new levels of distinction," said College President John S. Toll. "We will continue to embrace the broad education in the liberal arts envisioned by George Washington and to reinforce the values that he represented so well."

The "quiet" phase of the five-year campaign, authorized by the Board in September 1997, already has raised $40 million in gifts and pledges, placing the drive well past the halfway mark, with four years to go.

"Our friends and supporters have been incredibly enthusiastic in their response to this campaign. Now we have the momentum we need to carry us through the next four years and to reach our goal," said Campaign Chairman Jack S. Griswold, an investment banker from Baltimore who also chairs the board of the Maryland Historical Society.

The biggest campaign gift to date is a $5 million grant from the Starr Foundation to establish a Center for the Study of the American Experience, which will seek to trace the evolution of modern American thought from its roots in the ideas of the nation's founders. The Center for the Study of the American Experience will be situated in the historic Custom House, at the foot of High Street in Chestertown. (see related story on page 5).

Other major gifts and grants early in the Campaign include $1.9 million for scholarships from the Hodson Trust, $1 million from the Grayce B. Kerr Fund and $500,000 from Breene M. and Shery V. Kerr, $1 million from Alonzo G. Jr. and Virginia G. Decker, $1 million from Jack S. and Toni Griswold, $1 million in lifetime giving from William B. '40 H'75 and Mary B. Johnson, and more than $1 million from W. James IV and Midge Price. Jim Price and Al Decker, who co-chaired the $43 million Campaign for Excellence in

the mid 1980s, are honorary co-chairs of the current campaign. To date, members of the Board of Visitors and Governors have committed $15 million.

In addition to funding the Center for the Study of the American Experience, the Campaign also will bolster two other strengths of the College—environmental studies and the writing program. Other campaign goals include $22 million in scholarship funds, an effort to attract the best students from diverse backgrounds; $20 million to bring new professors to campus and to raise faculty and staff salaries to more competitive levels; and $12 million for new construction, renovations, and other campus projects.

Riley: Higher Education As a "Beacon For Society"

U.S. SECRETARY of Education Richard W. Riley, giving the keynote address at the kickoff luncheon for the Campaign for Washington's College, found a common thread between the Revolutionary leaders of the 18th century and the leaders of UNESCO, the education branch of the United Nations—a belief in the power of education to move a civilization forward.

"UNESCO stated that higher education has a role 'as a beacon for society,'" Riley said. "This is a very important concept for all of us to consider, because our liberal arts institutions are ideally suited to help civilization progress and shape the future, rather than simply following history as it is already written. Liberal arts institutions can guide our nation and the world to change for the better."

Riley thinks Washington College understands this aspect of its mission clearly. "It has a diverse and talented student body who are studying many different subjects, including a strong international focus and a heavy emphasis on writing. The school has cultural, social and athletic activities—including a national champion lacrosse team—which indicates a student body with a broad range of interests."

Riley also applauded the College's community outreach programs, particularly mentoring programs with local high schoolers such as the Emerging Leaders Seminars, Target Tutoring with local middle schoolers, as well as an active America Reads chapter sponsored by Riley's office.

"Of all the diverse characteristics of American higher education, liberal arts has been the most enduring and resilient. In avoiding the specialization that defines much of higher education and of our world generally, liberal arts schools continue to place a premium on core knowledge and learning for learnings' sake—on the value of knowledge for the purposes of enlightenment—with the understanding the enlightened individual can apply him or herself in so many different areas."

PHOTO GIBSON B. ANTHONY

Education Secretary Richard Riley said liberal arts colleges should "strive even harder" to provide their students with a broad foundation upon which they can develop new and different methods of inquiry.

CLOSE-UP

Campaign Goals

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT PROGRAMS		
Centers for Excellence		$5 million
Library		3 million
Academic Resources		1 million
Independent and Honors Programs		1 million
Advanced Information Technology		6 million
International Programs		1 million
Integrated Living and Learning		1 million
GOAL	$18 MILLION	
FACULTY		
Endowed Chairs (Five @ $2 million)		$10 million
Named Professorships (10 @ $500,000)		5 million
Faculty Research, Renewal and Merit		5 million
GOAL	$20 MILLION	
SCHOLARSHIPS		
Washington Scholars		$8 million
Other Named Scholarships		7 million
Other Financial Aid		7 million
GOAL	$22 MILLION	
FACILITIES		
Smith Hall Renovation		$3 million
Ferguson Replacement		4 million
Residence Hall Renovations		2 million
Alumni House		1 million
Campus Beautification and Special Projects		2 million
GOAL	$12 MILLION	
	TOTAL $72 MILLION	

PHOTO: GREGORY B. ANTHONY

President John Toll presents an honorary degree to Richard Norton Smith, a noted Presidential historian.

George Washington Scholar Presents Surprising Picture of Nation's First President

George Washington's penchant for cracking Brazil nuts with his teeth was at the root of his dental problems. Early American dentists ill-fitted him with false teeth made of hippopotamus tusk, not wood, and he dosed himself with laudanum, an opium derivative, for the constant pain. Washington himself disproved the sentimental tale of a youth hurling a silver dollar across the wide Rappahannock River, for no man was less inclined to throw money away. Most significantly, George Washington not only told lies, he lived them, by convincing everyone he was no politician. Washington was the nation's first actor-president.

These are just a few of the revelations about the nation's first President that Richard Norton Smith, a noted historian and writer, shared with the Fall Convocation audience. His visit launched an 18-month-long celebration of the life and legacy of George Washington as the nation prepares to mark the 200th anniversary of his death in 1999.

In presenting Smith with the honorary Doctor of Letters degree, College President John S. Toll remarked: "In his acclaimed biography of President George Washington, [Smith] has shown that this institution's founding patron was more fallible than iconoclastic, more passionate than aloof, more human than divine. His book, *Patriarch*, is a well-told story with a focus on human detail that breathes true life into the first American president and shatters legend and myth with journalistic acuity."

Smith's *Patriarch: George Washington and the New American Nation* portrays Washington as a politically judicious statesman who met enormous challenges. Washington's job was to mold political tradition, restore the nation's credit, and salve ideological discord in his Cabinet while securing peace with European powers and Indian tribes. With a knack for detail and a keen journalistic eye, Smith gives his readers a vivid sense of this wise and reserved leader whose greatest strength may have been his resistance to ultimate power.

"In short, George Washington was a strong leader of a weak nation," Smith said. "His vision of the American republic was in many ways an extension of his own character. Because he credited harsh self-discipline in realizing his personal destiny, he embraced an energetic government as the only means of protecting the American union from flying apart. Because he balanced executive vigor with personal restraint, he gave us a government strong enough to lead and wise enough to listen."

This convocation gave the College community an opportunity to pay tribute to the greatness of another statesman, Louis L. Goldstein '35. Goldstein, the nation's longest-serving public official and a member of the Board of Visitors and Governors for 41 years—18 of those as chairman, died on July 3, 1998.

P. J. Wingate '33, a classmate of Goldstein's who served with him on the Board of Visitors and Governors for 33 years, and U.S. Congressman Steny Hoyer, who worked with Goldstein in the political arena for several decades, eulogized their friend and colleague.

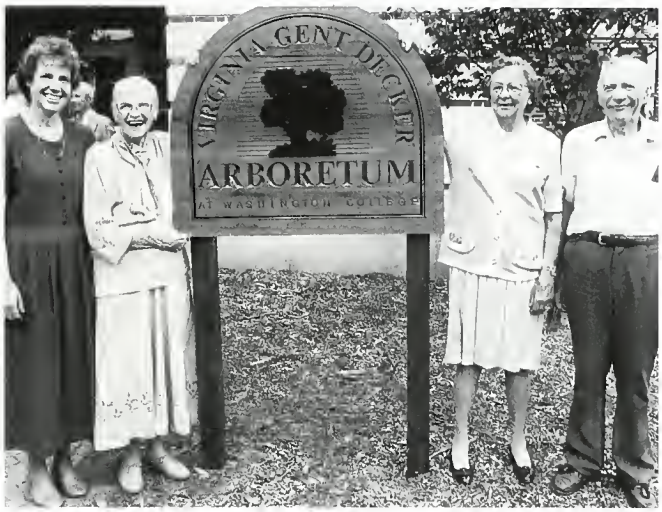
Wingate counted Goldstein among six of the greatest and most popular leaders—mayors, governors, and U.S. Presidents—that he had known who had been graduated from Washington College or awarded honorary degrees there. His list included Port Deposit, MD, Mayor Herbert F. Ryan '33, Louis L. Goldstein, Maryland Governor Albert Ritchie, and U.S. Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, and Dwight Eisenhower.

"I learned from Louis L. Goldstein that politicians need to have a sense of humor, and a sense of humility," Wingate said. "He humbled himself before voters. He was sincere and had great integrity."

Congressman Hoyer called Goldstein a man of common sense and uncommon intellect. "Louis Goldstein was a close and dear friend who spent his adult life in public service. We have lost a great patriot, a dutiful public servant, and Washington College's most renowned alumnus. The Louis stories that are legend now will geometrically multiply in years to come. Hopefully, however, we will not lose the reality along the way: his genuine, heartfelt prayer that God would bless each of us real good; his observation that our gift to God was service to others, and his shining example of such service; his brilliance in the administration of his office; and his fidelity to Maryland's citizens and the stewardship of their money. His life was a celebration and a joy."

PHOTO: PETER HOWARD

Friends and colleagues at convocation remembered Louis L. Goldstein '35 (right) as the ultimate public servant.



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(From left): Professor Rosemary Ford, Former First Lady Helen Gibson, Virginia Gent Decker, and Winslow Long unveil the marker for the arboretum.

College Dedicates Arboretum

THE COLLEGE community gathered on a warm September morning to dedicate the Virginia Gent Decker Arboretum as a curricular innovation that not only epitomizes the ideal of collaborative hands-on learning, but one that pays tribute to a true friend of nature and of Washington College.

"We recognize in Virginia Decker an affinity with the natural world that allows her to take pleasure in her surroundings, to appreciate the variety and unique characteristics of all sorts of plantings, and to understand the value and importance of preserving the natural environment and its bounty," remarked College President John S. Toll.

The Decker Arboretum comprises a varied collection of almost 700 trees. Flowering almonds, pink cherry blossoms, Japanese pagodas and white oaks are among the 86 species of trees catalogued and tagged.

The College plans to increase the diversity and number of trees and shrubs in coming years and to encourage students of all ages to use the arboretum as a place for relaxation, recreation, and scientific study in teaching and research. This fall the College began offering educational programs to the county's elementary schools. WC students lead these programs as children make leaf collections or learn about seeds and seed travels.

The idea for a campus arboretum originated with Winslow Long, a member of the College's 1782 Society who cares for the plants on campus, and Helen Gibson, former First Lady who encouraged the Women's League of Washington College to support this project. The two approached Rosemary Ford, associate professor of biology, to get things started. She in turn enlisted the help of several students.

"Establishing the arboretum is truly a team effort," noted Ford.

On Arbor Day 1999, the College will plant a lace bark pine tree, a specimen George Washington would have termed "curious and exotic," in honor of Mrs. Decker.

Starr Gift Launches New Center

WITH ITS historic ties to George Washington, its position as the first college chartered in the new democracy, and its setting in the colonial Port of Chestertown, Washington College is uniquely positioned to examine the fundamental values that led to the formation of the United States of America and that determined the character of this nation. In June 1998, the Starr Foundation affirmed the College's role in this endeavor by awarding a $5 million grant to launch the C. V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience that will trace the evolution of modern American thought and ideas from their Colonial roots.

Funding the Center for the Study of the American Experience is one goal of the $72 million capital campaign the College is undertaking. It is one of three "Centers for Excellence" identified by the College's Strategic Plan—the other two being programs for environmental studies and creative writing.

The Center for the Study of the American Experience will be framed around Washington College's own Revolutionary roots: George Washington offered use of his name to the school and then helped found it in 1782 with a sizable donation of 50 guineas, making Washington College the first college chartered in the new nation and Maryland's oldest college.

Architects of the Center say it will fill an overlooked niche. The Center will focus on those ideas of the nation's founders that continue to influence American values, social trends, political debate and the notion of responsible citizenship. To explore this landscape, the Center will create endowed faculty chairs, host conferences, and serve as a clearinghouse for reference work related to the American experience.

"One of Washington College's greatest assets is its cherished history, our connection to George Washington and all that he championed," College President John S. Toll said. "This center will allow us to explore the living history of our nation—that centuries-old current that still flows through our political discourse and debate over what it means to be an American.

"It will also encourage the study of the way in which the American constitution and experience have served as models for free societies around the globe."

Initial support for the Center was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Griswold, Mr. and Mrs. Benjam H. Griswold III, and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Witter. Additional private support is being sought to establish this new initiative.

Senior Wins Teaching Scholarship

WASHINGTON College has awarded its largest teaching scholarship to Joshua P. Matteau, a senior who hopes to teach English once he graduates.

Matteau, an English major from Baltimore, is the 1998-99 recipient of the Anna Melvin Hague '05 Memorial Scholarship, which is

given each year to a WC student interested in the field of education.

The Hague Scholarship is designed to provide tuition assistance to a Washington College student interested in teaching. It was established in 1992 by Charles and Virginia Hague of Millington, MD, both Washington College alumni, in honor of Charles's late mother.

Anna Hague, one of the first women to attend Washington College, was a teacher for 50 years in the Kent County, MD, public school system. The Anna Melvin Hague Scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding student demonstrating qualities of scholarship, character, and dedication to the teaching profession.

"With the Hague scholarship, there comes a challenge to live up to it," Matteau said. "In education there is always the responsibility to make the world a little larger for everyone you meet. In the process, my own world has gotten a little larger, too."

Bond Makes Case For Affirmative Action

RACISM thrives in the United States, a nation that continues to frown on African-American success and equality.

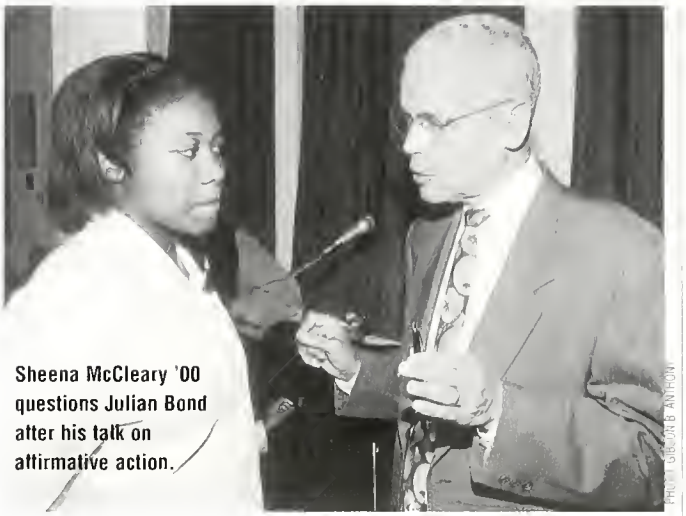
That gloomy assessment was a prelude to civil rights leader Julian Bond's forceful defense of affirmative action during a recent visit to Washington College as a Goldstein lecturer in Public Affairs. Bond is chairman of the NAACP.

Before a standing-room-only crowd in Hynson Lounge, Bond offered a withering attack on the notion that civil rights legislation in the 1960s and black gains in political power in the '80s and '90s have erased past discrimination and racial wrongs in America.

"Blacks today face problems every bit as daunting as the bus back seats, the water hoses, and the billy clubs of 35 years ago," Bond said.

Mocking the current political climate as a time "when trashing affirmative action masquerades as a dialogue on civil rights," Bond gave no quarter to those who might attack minority preferences.

"Affirmative action isn't about establishing preferential treatment for blacks. It's about removing preferential treatment for whites that was established years ago."



Sheena McCleary '00 questions Julian Bond after his talk on affirmative action.

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Yearbook photo of Robert C. Brenizer '50

Veteran Leaves $20,000 To WC

ROBERT C. Brenizer was a young man in 1944, one year out of high school and heading to war in Europe and the Far East. In the crush of paperwork that follows any G.I. sent on his way to a possible doom was a life insurance policy. Brenizer, 18, had to assign a beneficiary for the $10,000 policy, someone to collect his benefits should he perish on the battlefield.

Brenizer chose Washington College, where he had enrolled only a few months before. The young soldier from the 82nd Airborne survived the war, then returned to WC to finish his education. But fortune frowned on him years later. Much of his life was spent in hospitals until January 1998, when he died at 71.

The policy paid out more than $20,000 to Washington College, capping a life of steadfast loyalty to the school.

"I am very touched by your recent contribution of $100 to Washington College," President Joseph H. McLain wrote Brenizer in the Veterans Hospital in 1977. "I realize that to make such a gift is not easily done and for your special effort we are all deeply grateful."

Assistant Dean Killed in Traffic Accident

DENNIS BERRY, Washington College's Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life, was struck and killed by a motorist while riding his bicycle on Route 20 near Rock Hall, MD. The fatal accident occurred during his daily exercise routine on September 9, 1998.

Berry, 47, joined the Washington College staff in 1984 as Director of the new Casey Swim Center. As a member of the athletic department, Berry launched the College's swim program and created the REC Sports program. In 1993, he became the Director of Student Activities, overseeing the opening of the newly-renovated Student Center and designing programs for substance-free recreation on campus.

His keen interest in integrating campus living and learning opportunities inevitably moved him into his post as Director of Residential Life in 1995, where he created leadership training programs for resident assistants and started the Residence Hall Association. His "Emerging Leaders Seminars," a program that brought Washington College students together with local high school students, received national attention. His insight into issues of retention and personal growth

in a campus environment led him to publish and speak widely on those topics. He was especially interested in creating leadership opportunities for young women.

Berry felt his most important role was as a devoted husband to Judie and proud father of Tasha and Justin, who grew up on the Washington College campus. Judie Berry, who earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Washington College, worked for many years in the offices of the President, the Registrar and Development. Tasha, a swimmer, recently graduated from Western Maryland College. Justin, a lacrosse player, is a sophomore at Towson State University. (See Dennis Berry tribute by Maureen McIntire, page 40.)

IN MEMORIAM

Petra Fajerson Wilcox '91 1970-1998

Petra Fajerson Wilcox '91, along with her husband of two years, was a passenger aboard the ill-fated Swissair Flight 111 that went down off Nova Scotia while bound for Geneva on September 2, 1998. On their way to visit family, they were among 229 passengers and crew who died in the crash.

At the time of her death, Petra was living in New York City, working as an associate program manager for Anspach Grossman Enterprise, a corporate identity firm. Her husband, Alex, worked as a free-lance photographer and owned a digital photography business, Digital Photo Imagery.

Petra was a member of the Alpha Chi sorority who graduated with a degree in English. After graduation, Petra lived for short periods of time in France, England, Hungary, and Switzerland, where she began dating an old high school aquaintance, Alex Wilcox. In 1995 Petra moved to New York to be with Alex and to begin graduate school at New York University, Stern School of Business. She earned her M.B.A. from Stern in May 1998, with concentrations in finance and strategic management.

"Petra had the rare gift of making everyone she knew feel special," recalls classmate Jennifer Mauser Rose '91. "Though our lives did not cross paths after college as much as we wanted, I always felt giddy-excited when I knew I would see her. That feeling was strong in me when I heard the news—we were supposed to see each other that weekend."

Petra is survived by her parents, Kerstin and Hans Magnus Fajerson, brother Hans, and sisters Stella and Anna. A Web site, at www.resonantfrequency.com/alex-petra, has been established to commemorate the lives of the young couple. Notes to the Fajerson family may be sent in care of her sister, Anna Fajerson, 2501 Q Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Tennis Takes Center Court For The Schottland Dedication

TENNIS STAR Pam Shriver battled some past Washington College stars in September as the College inaugurated its new tennis center.

With the Ellen Bordley Schottland '42 Tennis Center, Washington College's tennis facilities have risen to the quality of Washington College's tennis program. The men's and women's tennis teams, Division III powerhouses with national titles to prove it, now have a new home.

The $225,000 clubhouse offers a spacious greatroom for watching tennis, as well as coaches' offices, locker rooms and a kitchenette. It is named after Washington College alumna Ellen Bordley Schottland, whose father, Carl Bordley, graduated in 1911, and is made possible through a major gift from her husband, Stanley, with additional support from family and friends.

To celebrate the new facility, Washington College invited Shriver to play a few exhibition matches before a crowd of 200 fans, College supporters, and friends of the Schottlands.

For competition, some WC tennis alumni took the court against Shriver, the winner of 22 Grand Slam Doubles titles, the former No. 3 in women's tennis, and a gold medal Olympian.

No injuries were reported.

WC Rowers Receive Honors

RECOGNIZING collegiate student-athletes who have excelled in both academics and rowing, USRowing has honored two members of Washington College's 1998 rowing team—seniors Jennifer Sands and Tyler Benedum—with First Team Academic All-American awards.

This past spring, Sands helped to lead both the women's varsity eight boat and the women's varsity four boat to NCAA regional rankings. A business management major, she was a Dean's List student and a member of The Society of Junior Fellows. At

PHOTO: GIBSON & ANTHONY

Buck Schottland and Pam Shriver partner for a ceremonial doubles match.

Washington's annual athletic awards ceremony, Sands received the Doris T. Bell '50 Award.

Benedum was a two-year captain and team MVP. A Dean's List student, he was also a member of the Society of Junior Fellows, as well as the Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society. He won the rowing team's Spirit Award. Benedum, a chemistry major, is enrolled in the master's and Ph.D. programs in chemistry at the University of Virginia.

Sener Leads The 1782 Society

JOSEPH W. Sener Jr. has been tapped to chair The 1782 Society, Washington College's premier gift club.

The 1782 Society begins its 14th year with more than 400 active members. Since its founding, more than 1,000 members have supported Washington College with contributions totaling $10 million.

Sener, former Vice Chairman of Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., joined the firm in 1950, serving also as general partner and Executive Vice President. He also is former Chairman of the Board and former President of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD, and a founding director and former Chairman of Chesapeake Bank and Trust, an independent bank established in Chestertown in 1986. Since 1996, he has served on the WC President's Advisory Council.

Sener will be assisted by The 1782 Society Advisory Committee. Members include Robert W. Bennett, Robert N. Cleaver '58, Christian Havemeyer, Kathleen H. Lea, Joyce Huber Smith, Dr. Clifton F. West, Jr., and Lisa S. Wyman.

PHOTO J. TYLER CAMPBELL '76

Joseph W. Sener now steers the College's major gift club, The 1782 Society.

WC Kicks Off Varsity Women's Soccer

THIS HAS BEEN a season of firsts for head coach Eleanor Shriver '93 and the 1998 Washington College women's soccer team as the College launches its varsity women's soccer program. With a team motto of "A First Time for Everything..." the Shorewomen have accomplished several milestones this season, including their first goal, in the third game of the season against Marymount, and their first win, against Shepherd College from West Virginia.

The varsity program evolved from a club sport that had been active during the past several years. Last fall, the soccer club played two games against St. John's College from Annapolis, MD. St. John's has a well-organized club team that gave the Shorewomen a challenge, and the teams split the two contests. Of the 17 players on Washington's club team, 11 women stepped up to the varsity level this year.

There have been nothing but good feelings on campus about the start of varsity women's soccer. Athletic Director Bryan Matthews commented: "We are excited to be playing varsity women's soccer at Washington College. It is the next logical step in our efforts to meet the interests of our student-athletes, and we are especially proud of the job that Eleanor Shriver and her staff are doing to make this inaugural season a success."

Shriver, who played varsity field hockey in the fall during her undergraduate years at WC, has committed herself to learning the sport of soccer and molding this team into winners.

"Early signs show that we have a very cohesive, hard-working group of individuals," said Shriver. "The transition for the women who played on the club team has been a daily adjustment. There's more structure now, and higher expectations. They also have coaches to give them feedback now, which they've never had before." Shriver sees this as the perfect time to begin playing women's soccer on the varsity level at Washington College. It comes five years after the beginning of the women's basketball program. Last year, the Shorewomen basketball squad achieved the best record in the five-year history of the program, finishing 16-8.

"The timing is perfect," Shriver emphasized.

PHOTO TRISHA MCGEE '81

Washington College freshman Nichole White (left) races Franklin & Marshall's top-scoring Allison Hurley to the ball. WC fell 2-0 in that match-up.

"Women's basketball made an impact. Women's soccer will do the same."

With Shriver's experience as a coach and an athlete, in sports ranging from lacrosse to tennis to swimming to volleyball, as well as the talented group of young student-athletes on the team, there are great expectations that women's soccer will achieve success quickly. Shriver also knows that the members of the team will be able to carry this experience with them for the rest of their lives.

"They will look back on this and remember that they were on the first team. They made history."

JoEllen Clark's main job as an intern for "Operation Smile" was logistics: booking lodging for the team members, lining up facilities and supplies, helping with the patient screening process: while 90 children were treated during her week in Romania, almost triple that number were turned away.

Junior Finds Big Profit In "Operation Smile"

JOELLEN Clark '00 peered at the baby's face, with its missing lip and gnarled mouth, and figured there was little to be done. Modern medicine—as practiced by the team of American doctors Clark traveled with to the Romanian hospital for a week of free corrective surgeries in the former Soviet bloc country—could work wonders, but not miracles.

This baby, happily oblivious to her disfigurement, might get a better face, Clark thought. But certainly not one you could call normal.

Then she watched the doctor work.

"The doctor moved things around, pulled on this, pushed this....," Clark, a junior international studies major at Washington College, recalled recently. "And she looked perfect."

Perfect. Adults rarely look perfect, but babies often do. This baby didn't, until the doctors, nurses, administrators, volunteers and—this year, for the first time—a college intern from Operation Smile arrived in Romania for their weeklong mission of surgery.

They treated 90 children for a range of disfigurements, from cleft palates to burned skin to heavy scarring, horrible marks of a troubled birth. Most of the problems would have been fixed without much effort in the United States, where health insurance and medical schools are plentiful. But in poor nations like Romania, the disfigurements often go untreated among the underclass.

Operation Smile has sent squads of surgeons and medical supplies across the globe for the past 15 years to help children with disfiguring birth defects. More than 40,000 impoverished children have been spared the pain and humiliation of cleft lips, palates and other afflictions.

Washington College is the first school to establish an internship program with Operation Smile, and so JoEllen Clark this summer was the first college student to accompany Smile on its mission to Europe. It was an all-expenses paid adventure, thanks in large part to a grant by Washington College alumnus Dr. Richard E. Holstein '68, a pediatric dentist.

Dr. Holstein helped Washington College create the intern slot, then let the school select the student. As an international studies major, Clark was hesitant to apply for the slot when her roommate handed her a brochure last year. "It seemed too medical," Clark said.

The literature emphasized all students were welcome to apply, so Clark did. One acceptance letter later, Clark was heading for the Norfolk, VA, headquarters of Operation Smile.

Once in Romania, Clark discovered that her training as an international studies major helped negotiate choppy cultural waters.

"I think I saw how international relations applies to the real world," she said. When helping to run an Operation Smile mission, "you have to be aware of the differences in the cultures."

Differences, yes. But Clark found many joys that transcended language barriers.

Clark befriended a Romanian girl who was often in the hospital. The two chatted almost every day, Clark absorbing bits of local culture, and the girl practicing her English.

When it came time to describe Operation Smile, Clark had some problems.

"I was explaining to her that Operation Smile was charity—a non-profit organization," Clark recalled. "That was hard to explain, to someone not fluent in English."

"At the end of the week, the girl came up to me and said, 'I have something to tell you. This isn't a non-profit organization.'"

"I said, 'What do you mean?'"

"And she said, 'You guys are getting the most amazing profit in the world. You're making all these people happy.'"

Clark laughed.

"Everyone kept saying that the profit is in the smiles, profit is in the smiles. And it's true."

Shoremen Tap Clarke To Coach Men's Lax

WASHINGTON College this summer tapped J.B. Clarke to head its men's lacrosse program, hoping the former Loyola College assistant coach can lead the Division III champions to another national title.

Clarke, 33, comes to Chestertown from Division I powerhouse Loyola College in Baltimore, which finished the year ranked No. 2 in the nation. He served as the team's offensive coach, a role he also played as an assistant at Duke University and Roanoke College.

Clarke succeeds John Haus, who was hired by Johns Hopkins University after the Shoremen won their Division III title in May 1998.

Before Loyola hired him last year, Clarke served as head lacrosse coach at Greensboro College in Greensboro, NC. In just a year Clarke turned around the Greensboro program, flipping a 3-9 record into a 9-5 record and a Top 20 national ranking.

Clarke is an accomplished coach with strong Division III experience as a player and coach at Roanoke, an appreciation of the scholar-athlete from his four years as an assistant at Duke, and proven leadership abilities.

"J.B.'s background and exposure, both in Division I and III, had him involved with college lacrosse across the country," Athletic Director Bryan Matthews said. "We're convinced he is the right person to be the next head coach of men's lacrosse at Washington College."

Clarke was selected after a national search that Matthews described as highly competitive. When the Shoremen beat Nazareth in May for the Division III championship, it was Washington College's third trip to the final game in as many years.

"When Coach Matthews offered me the job, I truly felt honored—but also humbled," Clarke said. "For our team to continue the success Washington College has enjoyed—not just in the past three years, but for the entire life of the program—is obviously a daunting challenge. But it is a challenge I look forward to."

In his 13 years coaching, Clarke's teams have won 219 games and lost 58.

Clarke and his wife, Mary, live in Worton with daughters Jessica, 3, and Samantha, born July 28.

Olds And Stone Read In Poetry Doubleheader

TWO ACCLAIMED writers joined literary forces on campus in September for a collaborative poetry reading. Sharon Olds, winner of the Lamont Poetry Selection and the National Book Critics Circle Award, shared the podium with poet Ruth Stone.

Professor Robert Mooney, director of the O'Neill Literary House and architect of the College's new Living Writers course, brought the two together on campus, noting in his introduction to their joint reading, how "the symbiosis between them possesses a poetic quality every bit as rich and moving as the verse in their collections."

The standing room only audience agreed. Olds read some new, unpublished poems as well as some familiar selections from *The Father* and *The Wellspring*, two collections known for the power of their harshly beautiful candor. Stone read poems ranging in subject matter from the personal to the scientific with a verve and wit that surprised anyone who expected a staid and reverential approach from the 80-plus grand dame of poetry.

The Olds/Stone reading inaugurated Mooney's Living Writers course which brings writers together with students who are studying their works in the classroom. Other writers who came to campus this fall in conjunction with this course included Joanna Higgins, Bobbie Ann Mason, Peter Matthiessen, and Ron Hansen.

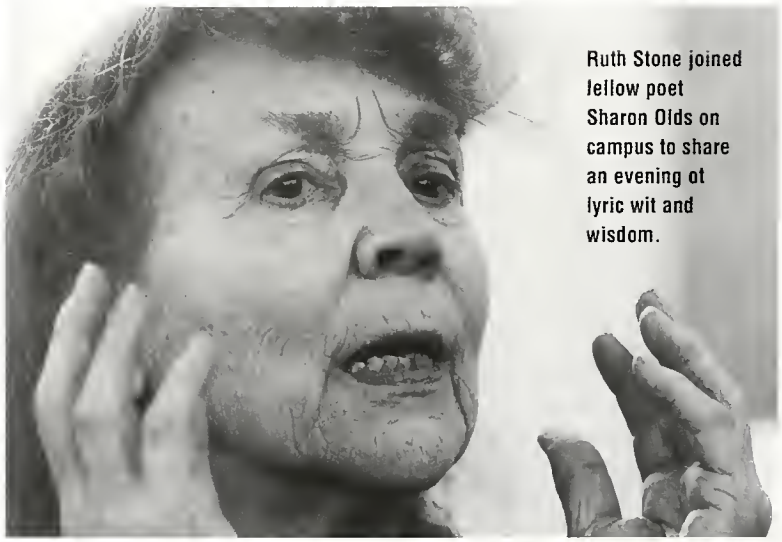


PHOTO GIBSON B. ANTHONY

Ruth Stone joined fellow poet Sharon Olds on campus to share an evening of lyric wit and wisdom.

Meditation Garden Offers Peace Of Mind

WHY DO BAD things happen to good people? Could a second last an eternity in a mind focused only upon itself? How can I survive tomorrow's bio exam?

These are the questions college students sometimes contemplate in the hurly-burly of academic life, when the loftiest concepts of the human condition fill the day, and debates over "Party of Five" can dominate the night.

Now questions majestic and pedestrian can be wrestled in serene solitude on campus. In October, Washington College dedicated the new

Kirwan Meditation Garden, a landscaped haven of brick and plantings centered around a "water feature"—like a fountain, but more subtle, with water spilling gently over a slate shelf and back to its source.

The garden is dedicated to the late John P. Kirwan '42, who studied physics at Washington College and went on to be an electronic scientist and then a tree farmer. When Kirwan died in 1994, his wife started a fund to create a garden in his memory. She died three years later, but the Kirwan children saw the project to completion.

Backers of the Kirwan Meditation Garden hope it will offer something of a spiritual anchor for students and faculty alike. On a campus that never closes, quiet space can be a precious commodity.

Explained Washington College philosophy professor Kevin Brien: "Meditation is a way of developing consciousness."

RETROSPECTIVE

Three Exhibits Feature Photographs of Constance Stuart Larrabee H'86

At an age when most people's careers wane, Constance Stuart Larrabee has reached a pinnacle in hers. The world-class photographer who has portrayed the tragedy of war, the dignity of South African people, and the timelessness of Maryland's Tangier Island, had three shows running concurrently this fall.

Photos taken as the young war photojournalist followed the Allied armies through France and Italy were the subject of an exhibition at the Corcoran Gallery of Art this fall. Hired by a South African newspaper to follow the South African troops in the army, Larrabee photographed civilians the soldiers met on the way to Germany, frozen corpses in the field, and the villages, towns and cities devastated by war.

Her show "South Africa 1936-1949" is on exhibit at the African Art Museum of the Smithsonian Institution. These photographs, on display until February 28, 1999, document the era and show the beauty of the people and the landscape of South Africa.

Her Tangier Island art, "Faces of Tangier Island," is on exhibit at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum through March 15th.

The photo above is an image she captured in Basuto, South Africa, in 1947.

National Magazines Feature WC Alumni

IN A FASHIONABLE Upper East side New York apart-ment, Betty Brown Casey poses for *Vanity Fair* and is declared one of the 200 most influential women in America. From a hospital room in North Carolina, Dr. Ralph Snyderman tells *TIME* how he is transforming Duke University Medical Center into an aggressive health "system," a gambit the magazine says could prove the chancellor a "genius" or the architect of a disaster.

It was prestigious attention for two Washington College alumni (Casey '47 and Snyderman '61) in two of the world's most popular magazines.

The October 12 *TIME* cover story chronicled a week at the Duke Medical Center, which Snyderman has headed for 10 years. His plan is to transform Duke into a one-stop health shop, from pre-natal care to nursing homes and all the check-ups, lab tests and surgeries in between. *TIME* called it "risky" and a gamble, but one with the potential to make Duke a leader in the health care industry.

In the November *Vanity Fair* feature on American women, Casey joined the ranks of Hillary Clinton, Brooke Astor, Oprah Winfrey, and Eudora Welty as one of 200 "legends, leaders, and trailblazers." The high-powered club was broken into categories, and Casey's was "Philanthropic Concerns." The magazine recognized her for donating more than $18 million to the Washington Opera, and for establishing the Eugene B. Casey Endowment Fund, a charitable trust named after Casey's late husband that has given generously to Washington College and other worthy causes.

The Caseys have been the most generous of Washington College's friends, donating funds for the Eugene B. Casey Swim Center and the Eugene B. Casey Academic Center, as well as the O'Neill Literary House and Brown Cottage.

Chearney's Books Combine Spirituality And Science

IF IT MATTERS TO YOUR PHYSICAL health or spiritual well-being, Lee Ann Chearney '81 probably has produced a book about it, or has one in the works. Whether it's cooking light, trying a yoga class, caring for children or aging parents, or communing with your guardian angel, it's on the book shelves from Amaranth.

Since establishing her own independent book production company in 1995, the former associate publisher at The Ecco Press has created a niche for herself and her stable of freelance writers, illustrators, and production managers in developing general nonfiction and popular reference content for publication in both print and electronic media. Her emphasis is on health and fitness and other socially relevant titles.

As baby boomers age in a technologically advanced society that prolongs the lives of the elderly, they face challenges previous generations of Americans never imagined. Chearney recently wrote and produced a book for Crown called *Visits* about her own experiences caring for her mother, who in the late stages of Parkinson's disease is living in an assisted living facility, and her 89-year-old grandmother, who insists on remaining in her own home. *Visits* has been called a book of "inspiration, affirmation, and useful advice" for the children of aging loved ones.

"One of the things this book does is fill the emotional niche of experience," comments Chearney. "There are a lot of books out there dealing with the practical aspects of caring for aging parents, but not a lot of information on the experience from the child's perspective.

"Technology makes the aging experience different, too," she says. "We're really the first generation to deal with the medical technology that can keep a parent alive in a frail condition. At the same time, a lot of people are getting to be older who are vital and robust."

Scientific advances also have expanded the child-bearing years for women and have opened up new avenues for genetic manipulation. Chearney currently is working on a book for HarperCollins that deals with infertility treatments, from medical procedures and insurance coverage to the ethical implications of making designer babies. "For some women, having a baby is so high-tech that it is pushing the envelope of bioethical issues. These are difficult decisions our culture hasn't faced before and it's confusing for people. Our [generation's] experiences collectively will form a policy for the 21st century about how the elderly are taken care of and how we grapple with complex medical and emotional issues such as infertility. Our spirituality is essential to get to the heart of how we live. As a book packager, I like to put together books that live in that space and challenge that area."

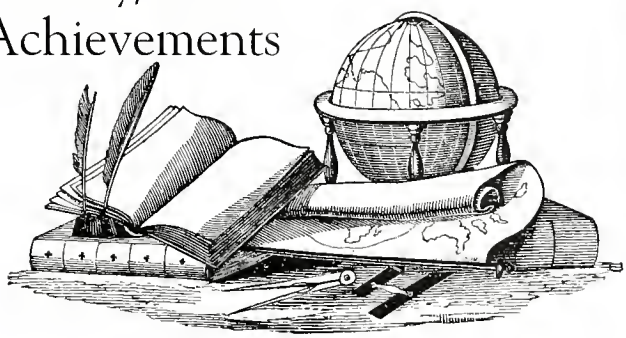
Lee Ann Chearney sells concepts for new books to various publishing houses and then takes them through editorial and design stages.

In addition to books with an inspirational message, Amaranth also produces big reference books. She hires teams of writers and editors to create texts published by various houses. Her company, for instance, produced a book on the ceremony and protocol of the Catholic Church called *The Church Visible*, for Viking. Other titles include *The Quotable Angel* (Wiley), which she edited, *The Clueless Gourmet* (Contemporary), *Communicating in Sign* (Fireside), *The Breastfeeding Life: A Holistic Handbook* (forthcoming, Berkley), *Ginkgo Biloba* (forthcoming, Dell), and 12 titles in Alpha/Macmillan's successful popular reference series, The Complete Idiot's Guides.

Book production, she says, is a "cottage industry" that gives her the creative freedom to work with talented people without being locked into the philosophy of a particular publishing house. She says it's also a tremendous learning experience for her personally.

"What I'm particularly interested in is the mind-body connection being made in alternative medicine," says Chearney, "and how those crossovers are occurring. I'm currently doing some research on prayer and health. People are interested in melding spirituality with high-tech advantages of medicine. Our generation has a completely different reality from that of our parents, and our spirituality may be our salvation."

Faculty/Staff Achievements



TAI SUNG AN, Everett E. Nuttle professor of political science emeritus, has a new book out. *The Vietnam War*, a comprehensive history and analysis of the war that draws on virtually all of the primary and secondary sources available, was published by the Associated University Presses of New Jersey this fall. This book focuses on the various aspects of the Vietnamese Communists' political, military, diplomatic, and other behaviors during the Vietnam War and gives an assessment of the meaning of the Vietnamese victory. Copies of *The Vietnam War* are available through the Washington College Bookstore by calling 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7200.

H. LOUISE AMICK, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, "Cooperative Learning in Math at Washington College," at the Project Kaleidoscope National Assembly held in Chicago in September. She has also had an article published in the October issue of *The Teaching Professor* entitled "Feedback Writing in Calculus." An excerpt from her paper "Personalizing Mathematics" was published as part of an article called "Tips for New Teachers" in the *NCTM* (National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) *NEWS BULLETIN* in September.

THOMAS J. COUSINEAU, professor of English, published an article in *Conradiana, A Journal of Joseph Conrad Studies* entitled "*Heart of Darkness*: The Outsider Demystified." He also delivered two lectures in November: "Samuel Beckett: du roman au théâtre" ("Samuel Beckett: From Novelist to Playwright") at the University of Paris and "Sur la route du père déchu: la dérive spirituelle de Jack Kerouac" ("On the Road of the Deposed Father: Jack Kerouac as Spiritual Drifter") at a conference on the Beat Movement organized by the Cultural Center of the City of Arras.

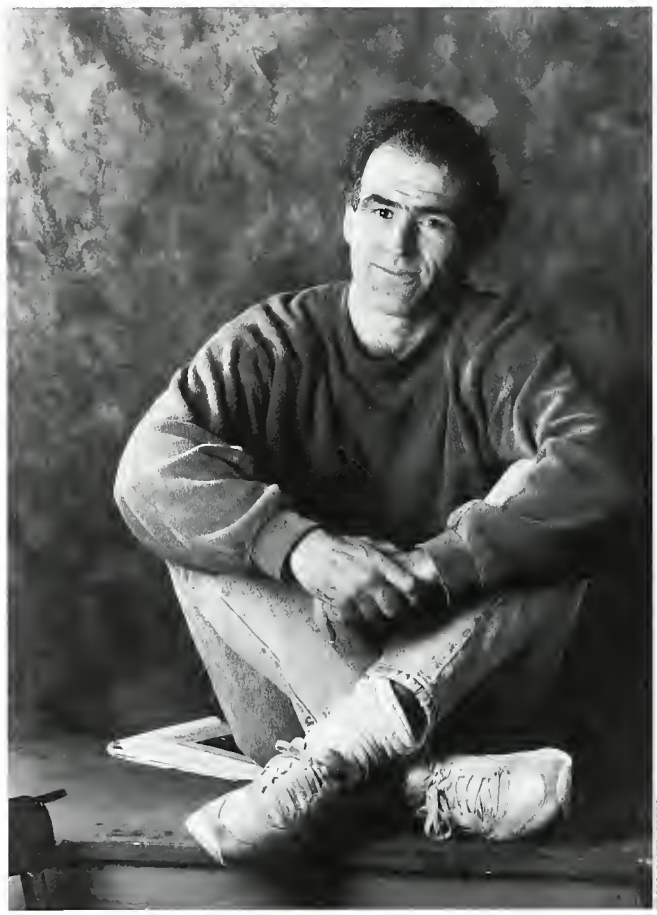
LISA DANIELS, assistant professor of economics, had her paper "The Small Enterprise Sector in Kenya: Significant Contribution or Last Resort," accepted by *World Development*, and her paper "The Contribution of Small Enterprises to the Household and National Economy in Kenya" accepted by *Economic Development and Cultural Change*. Daniels also served as a reviewer of a Web-based distance education package for a microeconomics course produced by Archipelago.

W. ROBERT FALLAW, the Everett E. Nuttle professor of history, attended a Discussant Conference on recent archives openings for study of Cold War history in September at the National Archives II in College Park, MD. He also gave a lecture on "R.E. Lee: The Human Side" at the Kappa Alpha Regional Conference, University of Maryland in October.

DOUGLAS HANKS III, media relations associate, had an Op/Ed piece published in *The* (Baltimore) *Sun* in October titled "Summit on the Shore."

MICHAEL T. KERCHNER, associate professor of psychology, served as an invited panelist in a September workshop at the National Institutes of Health on "Survival Skills & Ethics: Job Hunting, Part I: The Options." His role was to provide workshop participants (NIH Intramural Post-doctoral Fellows) with insights regarding the career options at small colleges and universities.

JUAN LIN, professor of physics, is invited to participate in a workshop at the University of Minnesota on "Local



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Dale Daigle, associate professor of drama, led an acting workshop at the National Theater Workshop for the Handicapped this summer and directed "Hamlet" at The Maine Theater. He also delivered a paper on computer-aided design in the theater at the Association for Theatre in Higher Education conference in San Antonio.

interactions and global phenomena in vegetation and other systems" in April of 1999.

AUSTIN A. LOBO, assistant professor of computer science, co-authored a paper entitled "Certifying Inconsistencies of Sparse Linear Systems" for the International Conference of Symbolic and Algebraic Manipulation in Rostock, Germany.

J. DAVID NEWELL, professor of philosophy, has been elected to a three-year term on the governing board of the Wye Faculty Seminar. Newell, a charter participant, seminar moderator and director of the program, recently completed an 18-month term as Interim Executive Vice President for Seminars at The Aspen Institute.

CHRISTINE PABON, associate professor of Spanish, read a paper entitled "Animal Symbolism in Cervantes' 'The Gypsy Maid'" at the International Cervantes Colloquy in El Toboso, Spain. The article was subsequently accepted for publication.

THOMAS A. PABON, professor of Spanish, also delivered a paper at the Cervantes conference entitled "Tomás Avendaño: Ansias de Amor en 'La Ilustre Fregona'" ("The Function of Yearnings in Cervantes' 'The Illustrious Kitchen Maid'").

EUGENIA M. PORTO, visiting assistant professor of philosophy, gave a presentation entitled "Medicine as Public Goods: A Social/Democratic Production of Medical Knowledge/Truth/Power" at two different June conferences in Cuba: The Tenth Annual Conference of North American and Cuban Philosophers and Social Scientists at the University of Havana; and The Fifth International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Camaguey.

JOHN L. SEIDEL, assistant professor in Chesapeake Regional Studies, received a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council for archaeology at the historic Cray House in Stevensville, MD. This is a joint effort of Washington College, the Queen Anne's County Office of Tourism, the Queen Anne's County Historic Sites Consortium, and the Kent Island Heritage Society. This grant is tied to the architectural restoration of the house and will institute an interdisciplinary humanities program at the 1809 Cray House on Kent Island, combining public archaeology and architectural history to engage the public in important issues in these disciplines.

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John B. Taylor, professor of political science, published an article titled "Hail to the Chief: A Bibliographical Essay on Six Chief Justices of the United States" in the *Journal of Supreme Court History*.

RICHARD STRINER, associate professor of history, reviewed John Nagel's *John Quincy Adams: A Public Life, A Private Life* for *Maryland: Historical Magazine*, and wrote two Op/Ed articles for *The* (Baltimore) *Sun*: "What do we want from Uncle Sam?" in July and "When will this age of aggressive tawdriness end?" in September.

THREE CHEERS

Some faculty members recently increased their workload by becoming parents. LISA DANIELS, assistant professor of economics, and husband Nick Minot welcomed a daughter, Andrea Daniels Minot, on August 26, 1998.

MARK HUBLEY, assistant professor of biology, and his wife Susan, are the proud parents of a boy, Nicolas Ryan Hubley, born on September 10.

CLAYTON BLACK, assistant professor of history, and his wife Maria, welcomed a new daughter, Nina, born on May 20, 1998.

MICHAEL BAILEY, Hodson Trust professor of economics, was a recent guest speaker at the Healthy Hearts Support Group, Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, sharing his experience of his heart transplant. He is a nine-year transplant survivor.

EDWARD MAXCY, associate dean of students, was asked to "chaperone" the 25th reunion of the high school class of 1973 of the International School of Brussels, where he was chairman of the English Department and Director of Theatre Arts between 1971-77. (He was the chaperone for the senior class trip to Greece.) The reunion was held in late June at the Silverado Ranch in Napa, CA. He heads that way at least once a year, and would love to see any WC alumni in the San Francisco Bay area during the next trip west. [ed.maxcy@washcoll.edu]

You've Come A Long Way, Bill Smith

Photographs by Gibson B. Anthony

FOLLOWING A $3 MILLION RENOVATION, Washington College welcomed William Smith Hall back on-line in time for the new academic year. In the interest of preserving the architectural interest and historic character of the building, the College opted, where possible, to repair instead of to replace, to recycle materials like chalkboards and moldings, and to preserve distinctive features like the open stairways. A new computing center and faculty offices are welcome additions.

Clockwise from top: The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps performs for the reopening festivities; David Burton, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, thanks everyone—including several foundations, the State of Maryland, and 650 alumni—who contributed to the $3 million renovation project; Brook Davenport, son of College rowing coach Mike Davenport, gets into the spirit of the day; and (from left) Sophomores Kristy Smeltzer, Katy Wilson, Annie Woodall, and Jenniter Reeder cheer for the new Bill Smith.

EXPERIENCING THE ENGLISH *Lyric*

During a summer excursion to England, students hiked the Lake District in Wordsworth's footsteps and experienced the Brontë sisters' sense of isolation on the moors.

FOR YEARS, PROFESSOR RICHARD GILLIN HAS BEEN TELLING his students how English poetry is connected to the landscape. This summer, on a three-week trip to North Yorkshire under his direction, 12 undergraduates experienced the poetic landscape for themselves.

COMPILED BY TYLER BARRELL '00

Fountain's Abbey in Yorkshire is one of the grandest ruins in England. Students spent a day there exploring the grounds, where the architectural landscape features a compendium of waterways, arbors, and gardens spanning nine centuries. Ripon Castle is nearby.

IN THE REMOTE countryside nearly four hours from London, I was fortunate to be among 10 Washington College students and two visiting students—one from Wellesley and another from the University of Connecticut—living at Kiplin Hall, the ancestral home of Maryland's Calvert family. From this home base we experienced the natural world that gave us the English lyric. Day trips took us as far south as London, east to Scarborough on the North Sea, and north to Edinburgh, Scotland. We saw Hadrian's Wall (dating from the days of the Roman Empire), the extravagant Castle Howard (where *Brideshead Revisited* was filmed), Ripon Cathedral (c. 1673), Fountain's Abbey, and the city of York. We were there to study poetry and to immerse ourselves in the landscape of some great writers, from the Romantics to Yorkshire's native son and England's Nobel Laureate Ted Hughes, to Ireland's Seamus Heaney.

Our classes on "The English Lyric" occasionally were situated on a mountaintop. There is no better place to study poetry than at the source where the great Romantics wrote. Climbs of over 4,000 feet to Helvellyn and Nab Scar were favorites of Wordsworth, Shelley, and others and became favorites of ours, too. A trip to the Lake District provided enchanting scenery. We visited the Moors (a la *Wuthering Heights*) and the Bronte museum to see the inspiration and solitude in nature that propelled this outstanding literary family. We were graded on keeping a daily journal that reflected our own experiences on the trips, our insights into the famous poems studied, and our attempts at some lyric verses of our own. What follows are excerpts from those student journals.

Dr. Gillin's notion of taking 12 college students to a distant country was daunting for him, I'm sure. But this group really jelled. We made the most of our time, learned a little bit about the British way of life and great poetry, and discovered a lot about ourselves—while having a great time. I speak for everyone on the trip when I say it was one of the most memorable, enjoyable, and yes, educational, times of my life. I look forward to a reunion trip, and advise others never to balk at an opportunity like this when it arises.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF BETH DAVIS '00

June 22 - Fountain's Abbey
I am amazed at the greenness of it all. Halls, with their roofs long since destroyed, had rich green grass growing graciously towards the sun. These were the halls of their chapel, their dining area and their kitchen. Seeing such life and prosperity in the grass made me think how the monks who lived there believed that they would never die or fade out of existence.

June 23
Tuesday ... hiking ... oh oh ... My calves were screaming for relief, but I knew that if I stopped, I'd be disappointed in myself. I reminded myself that Wordsworth did this for fun, enjoyment, and inspiration ... There aren't very many people who can say they had a poetry class at the top of a mountain overlooking Wordsworth's Lake District country. That made all the whining that I did seem so silly ... I will treasure this trip for all time.

June 30th – Helvellyn
Any amount of pain that I have ever felt dims in comparison to the climb on Helvellyn.

The majority of the hike was practically straight up. My legs began to quiver and scream with cries of distress. At one point on our hike I was alone—Colleen and Megan Bey way behind me and the remainder of the group so far ahead that I couldn't see them either.

My battle between body and mind violently turned to my body that won. I collapsed on the trail and cried. My body had taken all the abuse it could handle and gave way on me. My mind and soul were weak and I didn't know what to do. That is when I began to pray.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF ANDREW JOHNSON '01

June 22 - Fountain's Abbey
My imagination takes over as I see the beautiful glass windows and the wonderful details in the woodwork. Looking at the details that remain [from centuries past], I consider how we humans do not want to spend the time to create anything like that nowadays. Today everything seems big and cheap.

Life should include the sun reflecting through rosary windows which release the pleasurable warmth on your face through a collection of colors. I feel that little joys like that give me some assurance that life is worth living. Just knowing that these buildings and riches were all built by hand gives me a rush of energy.

June 25 - Grasmere
From the house the group was off to hike the "Mountain" behind Wordsworth's Dove Cottage. I was told that the beginning was steep but would level off. This was sadly mistaken because the hike all the way up the mountain was as close to being vertical as you can get. The group stopped for lunch on the top. As Professor Gillin began to read the poems of Wordsworth the wind became overwhelmingly powerful. It really appeared that there was a spiritual power around us. The neatest thing on the top of the mountain was to watch the planes below us fly through the valleys.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF TYLER BARRELL '00

June 26
Today's entry is marked by drab shadows and storm. It was joyous, especially the hike, but as I write with the rain pouring on Sharon's roof I am reminded of isolation and madness. The entire day was full of storms. It seemed to start the day off slow and keep it that way. Our hike to Wuthering Heights was nice except for the mud and sludge trudged through to reach our destination. Earlier, the tour to the Brontes' preserved house was full of info. I'd only read *Wuthering Heights* (of all the Brontes' work) but would like to read more. The house almost seemed haunted at times, when feelings of gloom would be hinted at by the exhibitions on the walls. The moor country is desolate.

Maybe writing and exploration into imaginary worlds is all that is possible for some. The trip into the graveyard was compounded by harder rainfall and a town bell tolling, which made the scene ominous. As Beth stepped on a flat tombstone, it shifted and popped out. Although we didn't locate any of the Bronte tombs, their spirits were in the yard. We took a stroll into the Black Bull after the hike. I drank a pint of Murphy's ... I think I'll try and compose a poem centered around my gloom and delight today.

June 29
After an easy day yesterday, we went to Scarborough and Robin Hood's Bay today. Dipping my feet in the icy North Sea was memorable. A group of us took a bus to the carnivals on the other side of town. Walking down the street, I brought in all the fragrances, however rank, of the sea. The smell of rotten fish and the taste of cotton candy weren't a particularly good combo, but it did remind me of childhood and going to the circus or carnivals in Ocean City. For one pound, I sat in an electric chair in an arcade. The voltage rose and literally froze my senses all at once. My hair stood up on end as dozens of passersby stopped walking their children and dogs to glimpse the lunatic in the chair. After what seemed like forever, I jumped out of the chair to find my arms and hands drenched in sweat. Ahh, experiences. No, no plans for the real thing.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF
COLLEEN MOORE '01

June 24
It was very cool to read Wordsworth's interpretation of the sculpture [at Castle Howard]. To think that however many years ago, he was looking at that exact sculpture and was so inspired by it that he wrote a beautiful poem. I thought that was the best part of the house.

I've come up with a poem. It's called "Ode to Kendal Mint."
You are full of energy and you taste so sweet.
Hikers enjoy you at every peak.
You have conquered Everest and Helvellyn alike.
Kendal Mint Cake, you saved my life!

June 26
We discussed poems by John Donne, Ben Johnson, and Wordsworth. I like the class—the poems actually make us a lot more aware of our surroundings. We don't just see a mountain, we see the mountain that inspired someone to write a beautiful poem. It just brings it alive. After class, we all packed up and drove to Haworth to see where the Brontës got their inspiration. We walked the moors out to Top Whitheren. It was very desolate and quiet. Our voices and the noise of our shoes on the mud were the only sounds. We were looking at the same landscape that Emily saw over 100 years ago.

Kiplin Hall, the ancestral home of the Calvert family.

Nettle

by Colleen Moore '01

Nettle, Nettle of the wood, fearsome, bold, and dark
A sting real and brutal so to light my match a spark
Hit me once, hit me twice, let me feel your wrath
For I don't mind your touch of love, just the aftermath
I walked into your world today to see if I still feel
You are there 'cuz I do burn, but nothing is revealed
The crying of the lambs ever rings so true
The thistle scream leaves scars of tortured black and blue
So this is how it is, my only friend the nettle
I'd just as soon spend my time with Kiplin tea and kettle
Now run, now hide until your times - a'called
But if I get too close to you do let me know I'm flawed
Waver waver in the wind, and waver in my mind
Always know the nettle's sting is all you long to find.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF
MEGHAN NOONE '00

July 6
I was really taken with the poem "Ode on Melancholy." Beauty and happiness cannot exist alone. With nothing to contrast them with, they are no longer beautiful or joyous. Life becomes flat. Keats is correct when he explains that often what gets us through difficult times is the realization that better times will come, and that the melancholy we have felt will heighten our joyous moments. It is almost like going to a restaurant and having really bad fish and chips. When you are eating them, you hate them, they are not what you expected and are therefore unsatisfying. However, a week later, you try fish and chips again and they are spectacular. Would they have been that good if you hadn't tasted the bad ones? The down side to this is that the next time you have fish and chips they may not be that delicious … Keats points out that you need to realize this when you are eating those delicious ones. Savor them, because that moment of decadence is fleeting. When those chips are gone, you can't get them back.

… Another poem I LOVE is A. E. Houseman's "To An Athlete Dying Young." It is inspiring, refreshing, and comforting. On our plane ride over here, we were discussing what would have happened if our plane went down. Everyone concluded they would be upset. Granted, I can't say that I want to die, but should I die young, at least I would die happy. As the character in the poem, I would have never had to face true disgrace or been truly disheartened. He was in his prime, he died happy. He never had bad fish and chips.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF
COURTNEY GILLIN '00

June 24 - Castle Howard/Yorkshire
As I walked into the city of York, I finally understood all of the stories that talked about the town walls. I always thought it was odd that everyone in the village could fit inside the walls because I thought that the walls only stretched around a few houses and could be seen from anywhere in the village. After walking through York I realized that the walls are huge and you can barely see them until you are upon them. Houses, shops, and churches clutter the space inside the walls. Perhaps the reason you can't see the walls is because the buildings crowd your view, but from the walls it is always possible to see Westminster Abbey.

July 1 - Kiplin Hall
Late in the day we finally got our tour of Kiplin Hall. It was quite different from what I expected. I thought that the inside would be rundown and shabby. I

was quite happily pleased to find exquisite paintings and furniture. The curators of our tour were hilarious, making very dry comments about different points in the house, and excitedly showing us all of their favorite items. My favorite room in the house was the library. It was huge, but looked lived in, and comfortable.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF SARA DAVIES

June 25

Today we went on a great hike up a mountain. The view was absolutely inspiring. Plus the effort involved in climbing this mountain cleared my head of all the day-to-day clutter. I feel like I have gotten back in touch with myself on this trip. Usual pressures of school at Wellesley have me so overworked that I have no time to develop my own interests. It's like I've forgotten what they are. Now I am able to see that. I think just focusing on your physical being for a few hours, watching where you step, gauging the stability of the next rock, hearing your heart beat against your chest—all that good stuff—it helps your mental or spiritual being.

June 29

...I was totally absorbed in thought for just about the whole time we were in York. I was thinking about how this trip has changed me. I had no idea that a summer trip to England would make such a powerful impression on me. The people I've met and the places I've seen — these are things I will always remember.

I am watching Wade and Jeff play croquet and I am amazed at all there is out there to be experienced. As I listen to their voices and the sharp crack of the mallet against the ball, I think about how much I will miss them when the trip is over. All I can do is take away the lesson I've learned from each person on the trip and try to live my life to the fullest.

FROM THE JOURNAL OF PROFESSOR RICHARD GILLIN

Upon Our Return Home

Our days began at six A.M. and ended about midnight for the entire three weeks. My wife Barbara became something of a minor celebrity in the village of North Allerton where she spent about $300 every other day on food. She had a standing order of eight loaves of bread per day, and when she cooked lamb it was three legs at a time. The students ate very well, and I believe they took special pride in being part of creating each day's menu. Classes were held at Kiplin on some days, while on others we traveled to a particular site and had class sometimes on a mountain, a moor, a castle wall, or wherever an opportunity presented itself. Though the students represented a variety of majors from chemistry to business they were very responsive to the works we studied, and I believe that they truly learned to enjoy poetry.

Together we climbed three of the highest mountains in England—Nab Scar, Skiddaw, and Helvellyn—in association with Wordsworth's poetry, and we walked the moors near Haworth, where the Brontës lived, in search of the house which was the model for Wuthering Heights. We visited Edinburgh, York, Durham, Hadrian's Wall, Scarborough, and dozens of villages in the North Yorkshire moors and the Yorkshire dales. We walked extensively in each area, and drove more than 3,500 miles before returning to London and home. During our extensive and demanding activities each day the students were writing as well as reading. The work they did for me was gratifying, and I was very impressed by the quality as well as the amount of work they completed. It was far more than a course, it was an experience.

The Kiplin Hall program was more successful than I anticipated, but it would not have been so were it not for my wife, Barbara. At the risk of sounding uxorious it should be noted that she began the day by shopping, then prepared breakfast and packed lunches, then drove a van for several hours, hiked for several more, then returned to Kiplin to cook dinner, usually between 9:30 and 10 P.M. She also organized study times and study groups for the students, counseled, worked out difficulties with money and banking problems, and made sure that everyone got along well. Since there were always a number of surprises each day as we traveled it was essential that a person be flexible and creative. I cannot imagine working as well with anyone else in the support position; Barbara not only shared a great deal of responsibility, she extended herself in a great many ways to make the Kiplin Hall program a unique and deeply memorable experience for the students.

If there were ghosts looking out of the west-facing windows of Kiplin Hall during the evening of the summer solstice when the sky never completely went dark, they would have seen 12 American students and two middle-aged Marylanders playing a game of American kick ball, on the expanse of lawn between Kiplin Hall and the lake, and under the glow of midnight light, celebrating a sort of new chapter in the connection between Kiplin Hall and Maryland. We have had a wonderful start to this program, and I hope that the Washington College connection will continue.

After touring Helmsley Castle, tired students pose for a photo in the round. Clockwise from 5:30 position: Meghan Noone, Noelle Living, Andrew Johnson, Courtney Gillin, Beth Davis, Wade Fox, Colleen Moore, Jeff Colen, Sarah Davies, Tyler Barrell, Mariah Stump, and Meagan Bey.

RESURRECTING the SULTANA

WHEN THE SULTANA SETS SAIL IN CHESTERTOWN
some 200 years after her birth,
two men can start living in the present again.

LIKE MOST GRAND PROJECTS, this one was born on the tiniest fleck of inspiration. A boat carpenter from the Eastern Shore named John Swain was in Europe when he found a rare Dutch compendium of American colonial ships, and the plans for one called *Sultana* stuck with him.

The *Sultana*, with its smooth lines and 68-foot spars, looked more majestic than the other vessels in the book. She was small, too, only about 97 feet from stern to bow. A ship, Swain thought, that looked buildable.

That was in 1995. Two years later the Echo Hill Outdoor School hired Swain to rebuild two classic Chesapeake Bay ships, a skipjack and a buyboat. The project manager was a young guy with a captain's license named Drew McMullen, who had recently dropped out of the New York financial scene to head up Echo Hill's nautical arm.

It took about two years to rebuild the *Ellsworth* and the *Annie D*. McMullen and Swain were a team: McMullen kept the books, raised the funds, and made sure their antique vessels met modern Coast Guard guidelines; Swain rebuilt the boats.

One day in January 1997 at Echo Hill, McMullen and Swain were wrestling the *Annie D*'s transom back on. The rain was falling hard and cold. The thermometer registered 33 degrees, and the shipyard's ground was mud and slop.

A miserable day to build a boat. But McMullen wasn't long for Echo Hill, anyway.

In a few months he would be making a fresh start professionally, for the third time, pursuing a master's degree in maritime history at the University of South Carolina. He hoped to write some scholarly books on Chesapeake vessels, or become curator of a nautical museum. Either way, the Echo Hill life of building boats and teaching under sail would be far behind him.

Then Swain brought out his colonial ships book, and pointed to the *Sultana* drawing.

"I think this would be a nice ship to build in Chestertown," Swain said. "I'd like you to help me do it."

McMullen dismissed the idea, at least for him.

"I wasn't as courageous as John was that first week," McMullen recalled.

But Swain was patiently persistent. A week later, McMullen was at his computer, hammering out a mission statement for the *Sultana* with Swain. Then a budget. Then a plan.

McMullen, currently director of the Sultana Project, is one of the effort's few paid staffers. He scrapped his master's for a chance at resurrecting a chunk of maritime history himself.

BY DOUGLAS HANKS III

Photographs by Gibson B. Anthony

Volunteers help attach the planks that will form part of the Sultana shipyard. Inspired by an obscure Dutch nautical book, the Sultana project has attracted thousands of hours of labor from volunteers.

It's a typical Wednesday afternoon at the Sultana Shipyard, and Swain can be forgiven if he looks a little tired. He was up at 3 a.m. worrying about concrete.

The day is one of many watersheds in the construction of the *Sultana*, the day when the concrete will be laid to form a sort of platform for the vessel. Swain, whose boat restoration company was hired to build *Sultana*, thought the concrete might not hold unless it was poured a certain way. That certain way came to him at 3 a.m.

So goes the life of Swain, 52, and McMullen, 29, two men joined by a shared obsession. If they succeed, they will have built one of the Chesapeake's grand vessels, an instant member of that exclusive sorority of working colonial schooners: the *Pride of Baltimore II*, the *Lady Maryland*, and the *Dove*. A generation of Eastern Shore school kids will share stories of field trips to the *Sultana*. Chestertown Tea Party brochures will seem naked without a cover shot of the *Sultana*. Festivals will feel special for having her, though she will be everywhere.

"You've seen how well the *Lady Maryland* and *Pride of Baltimore* have done," said John Valliant, director of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD, arguably the leading venture in nautical tourism on the Bay. Valliant said he is confident the market is out there for *Sultana*.

McMullen frowns on what could be the simplest formula for success: build boat, rotate as many kids on the decks as possible for three-hour cruises, count profits. Like they do at Disney's "Pirates of the Caribbean" ride.

Instead, McMullen envisions week-long sails with small groups of kids, cruising from Chestertown to the Choptank River or thereabouts, learning to sail a colonial rig, heading ashore to study marshland, dredging the bay bottom to learn about sea life. To learn about real life.

"It's funny," McMullen explains. "After about the first 48 hours on the boat—after they've gotten their compass straight about living on the boat and dealing with people—you can really get to know a kid.

"You can get to know a kid within 48 hours on a boat about the same as you can within six months in a classroom. Because you're eating together, showering together—it's a lot closer relationship."

First, though, Chestertown has to fall in love with the *Sultana*.

Part of what impressed John Swain in Holland was the way a small town there embraced a similar project. A new village was being planned near the sea, and the town fathers were searching for a population and tourism draw. They decided to build a huge 18th-century schooner—about four times the size of the *Sultana*—and soon were welcoming thousands of visitors to gawk at the spectacle.

"We'd feel very successful if *this* area took ownership of this vessel," McMullen said of Chestertown and the *Sultana*.

Already, Chestertown's leaders have adopted the ship as their own. McMullen and Swain first took their idea to Chestertown Mayor Margo Bailey, looking for advice and dollars. She sent them across town to Mike Thielke, head of the fledgling Chester River Craft and Art, a new community group trying to lure tourists here by offering weekend art programs.

They introduced themselves to Thielke at his front door, he invited them in, and they made their pitch. "Sounds like a good project," Thielke said to them. "Let's do it."

Today, the Sultana Shipyard sits in a vacant town lot catty-corner to Thielke's house. The project is officially an arm of Chester River Craft and Art, which is raising money for the ship's $2.3 million budget. The boat is scheduled to hit the water by Memorial Day in 2001—just in time for the Tea Party.

We know everything about this ship," said Craft and Art President Joyce Huber Smith. Smith, who also sits on Washington College's Board of Visitors and Governors, points to the detailed records from the *Sultana* preserved through history—a rarity for ships from the Colonial era.

"We have the original logs. We know where it went every day. We know who was on board, what they ate, where they slept.

"This is a very romantic project," Smith added.

Boston shipyard workers finished nailing the planks of the *Sultana* in 1767, and launched her that same year. The Royal Navy, already desperate for ships, quickly took notice of *Sul-*

Sultana director Drew McMullen explains the construction of the colonial schooner to visiting students.

tana. At just over 95 feet and 75 tons, the *Sultana* was small for a warship, but she seemed sturdy and seaworthy—well suited, the Royal surveyors thought, for enforcing import and export duties.

Sailed to England for refitting in the summer of 1768, the *Sultana* returned to the northern New England coast that fall and found a very angry Boston waiting for her.

Bostoners were becoming increasingly hostile, storming custom commissioners' offices, burning the officials in effigy, and burning the officials' homes for real. It became so bad that Britain ordered troops to occupy the city, and an imposing Royal fleet was sent to the harbor as a menacing reminder of the king's might. *Sultana* went there, too, the smallest vessel in the Navy.

A series of enforcement runs followed, as the *Sultana* prowled the Atlantic for American merchants trying to avoid payment of royal taxes.

The busiest stretch of her career came in the *Sultana*'s Chesapeake Bay posting. There her crew enforced taxes in ports on both Chesapeake shores, including the busy docks of Chestertown. Those merchants paying levies on their tea—the tax that would lead to Chestertown's own Tea Party years later—probably handed a good sum of money over to the *Sultana.*

Drew McMullen, left, and John Swain have lived part of their lives in the 18th century while recreating the colonial Sultana.

Still, McMullen maintains that *Sultana* was no enemy of Chestertown. "We WERE the British," he says. "It goes along well with this area, which was very loyalist."

Sultana smacked against her biggest dose of colonial resistance in 1771, when she captured a deserter from her crew in a smaller vessel off Newport, Rhode Island. The escapee was seized and hauled back aboard *Sultana*, infuriating the colonists. A mob gathered, but *Sultana* loaded her swivel deck guns, and the mob stayed at bay.

By 1772, the diminutive *Sultana* could no longer muster enough of a fight against American vessels who felt little fear from the Union Jack flying atop her spar. She was returned to England, then sold out of the Royal Navy. She ended her career hauling cargo among the British Isles.

Some 225 years later, the *Sultana* is poised for a resurrection.

Before construction could begin for the 20th-century *Sultana*, the crew needed about 10,000 board feet of lumber. McMullen and Swain had settled on osage orange for the hull, just about the most stubborn wood in all of North America.

Osage Orange was discovered by Lewis and Clark in their journey west, then sent home to serve as Nature's version of barbed wire, so ornery were the thickets and tangled boughs that formed among a clump of osage. The wood is so hard it will bend metal, and so twisted there's hardly any such thing as a long straight plank of osage.

All of which makes osage pretty useless from a furniture or building standpoint, but pretty useful for someone trying to assemble a curved, tough hull for a boat.

Timber experts were skeptical McMullen and Swain could find enough osage for the *Sultana*, but area farmers were happy to have some of the nettlesome trees hauled off their property.

Harvesting the osage offered the first glimpse of the volunteer effort McMullen and Swain hope will fuel the *Sultana*'s construction. To chop down the trees, about 10 people showed up with their own chainsaws. Only one of the guys was getting paid for it.

"I've never built any boats, but I'm interested in boats," explained Stig Torstenson, a retired mechanical engineer from Pennsylvania now living in the Great Oaks community near Chestertown. He's holding some metal siding while an intern from the local high school trims it. The siding will help protect the shed built on the Sultana shipyard—the group's first project, before moving on to the actual ship.

"But I can swing a hammer and use a saw," Torstenson continued, "so I can be of some help."

Torstenson is one of a few volunteers who show up everyday to the dusty *Sultana* yard, hammering boards, pouring concrete, hauling away scraps. Free labor for a sometimes back-breaking project.

At this writing, the crew has built the shed. They hope to start the hull by the end of October.

"Everybody's really into it," he said. "That's the most amazing thing . . . I'm hoping that interest will build once there's a ship.

"Right now it's just a rumor of a ship."

McMullen is standing in front of the Compleat Bookseller store in Chestertown, where a scale model of the *Sultana* is berthed in the front window. The model makes clear that the colonial plans scattered across McMullen's desk don't do the *Sultana* justice, at least to a layman.

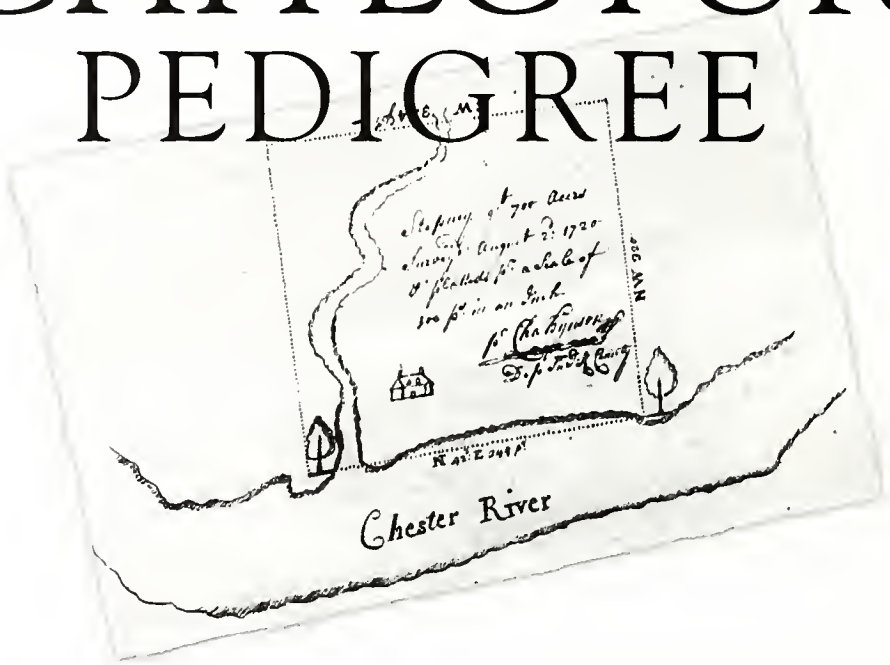
The spars are huge, towering three feet above the squat, bulky hull of the model. Spidery threads form the intricate rigging of this *Sultana* in miniature, with nets climbing the side halyards. Iron swivel canons the size of cocktail swords stand guard aft.

It is a striking vessel, one McMullen really hadn't seen before the model arrived eight weeks before. A visitor remarks that the model must be a boon for fund-raising, allowing prospective donors to actually see McMullen and Swain's vision.

"It helped *us* frankly," McMullen responds. He pauses.

"It's hard to visualize a boat like this."

Tracing an ARCHITECTURAL PEDIGREE



SIMON WILMER IV SOLD 100 ACRES OF THE FAMILY ESTATE so Washington College could be built, and later served on its Board. In *Historic Houses of Kent County*, published this fall by the Historical Society of Kent County, Michael Bourne follows the lineage of Wilmer's Stepney—one of Kent County's earliest homes. Stepney and the College on the hill are depicted in a rare overmantel painting on permanent display on campus.

BY 1680 Simon Wilmer had immigrated to the area which was to become Kent County where 500 acres were patented to him under the name Wilmer's Farm. He married Rebecca Tilghman, acquiring from his mother-in-law Mary Tilghman a 500-acre tract of land. In 1688 Mary Tilghman also transferred her adjoining 1,000 acres called Tilghman and Foxley Grove (patented 1675), to Simon and Rebecca Wilmer.

Simon Wilmer continued acquiring and selling land for the next 15 years and became involved in many aspects of 17th century colonial life. He was burgess of Kent County between 1689-1699, served as surveyor of Kent County in 1694 and assisted in laying out the boundary between the newly established parishes of the county. Wilmer also served as one of the first vestrymen for St. Paul's Parish. He died in Kent County in September of 1699 and was buried at the Hermitage, the home of his brother-in-law in Queen Anne's County.

Simon and Rebecca Wilmer (d. 1725) may have built the one-and-a-half story brick house (19' x 38') now forming the back section of the present house. From the remaining evidence, it

BY MICHAEL OWEN BOURNE

can be conjectured that the walls were laid originally in Flemish bond with glazed headers above an English bond basement. Due to the lack of original fabric, the initial kitchen situation is uncertain. It was either located in the basement or in a detached structure. Eventually a new kitchen was built on the east gable of the house. The unusual feature about the later kitchen is that it had a full basement at a period when most kitchens were built with a dirt or brick floor close to grade. From additional information in the basement it appears that the space was divided into two nearly equal spaces with chimneys at both ends.

The first alteration to the building appears to be the addition of the aforementioned kitchen on the east, a 19' x 19' structure which appears in the 1783 Tax Assessment and on an overmantel painting originally painted of the house in the 1790s and now at Washington College.

Simon Wilmer II acquired most of Stepney after his father's death. When the county was resurveyed in 1706, he was responsible for the laying out of Chester Town, the new county seat, which was situated on his own land. Soon after, he began to sell lots. Simon Wilmer II also continued to operate the grist mill which he had inherited from his father and near the grist mill established a saw mill. He is most likely responsible for the construction of the brick Miller's House mentioned in his will. In 1737, Simon II left specific farms to his sons William, Lambert and Charles, and lots in town to his daughters Dorcas, Mary and Margaret, but to Simon II he left "all the rest & residue of my lands, houses and improvements," i.e., Stepney.

Apparently, Simon III moved to the Sassafras River on a farm now called Shorewood. Lambert, his brother, owned Stepney in 1750. Lambert bequeathed Stepney to his son Simon IV, who is recorded as owner of the farm and mill in 1783. Simon IV owned 123 acres of Tilghman and Foxley Grove and 127 acres of Stepney in that year's tax assessment. There were eight whites and two blacks living on the farms. The buildings are briefly described as "two brick dwelling houses and kitchens, one grist mill, seven out Houses, two orchards—adjoining Chestertown."

Simon IV was a contributor to the founding of Washington College and holder of Pew No. 19 at the Chapel of Ease of Chester Parish in Chestertown. His first wife was Ann Ringgold and his second, Mary Dunn. When Simon IV wrote his will in 1794, he bequeathed "the land on which I now dwell with the houses and improvements" to his son James. ...

In 1801 James Wilmer and his wife Ann, who had moved to Queen Anne's County, sold the home place to Thomas Worrell. It is not known by the author whether Thomas Worrell's wife, Ann, was a Wilmer. If not, their seven-year ownership of Stepney would be the only break in family ownership for many years.

The Rev. Simon Wilmer V purchased Stepney from Thomas Worrell in 1808, then sold it in 1818 to his youngest brother Lemuel. Lemuel sold the home as well as the lot left him by his father in 1822 to his second cousin Mary Frisby Gordon, the wife of Joseph N. Gordon (daughter of James and Ann Frisby of the Violet Farm; her great-grandfather was Simon II).

Joseph Nicholson Gordon is referred to as "Dr. Gordon" in the account of the Battle of Caulk's Field. He was the Clerk of the Court between 1822-1845. In the Tax Assessment for 1841, Gordon is listed as residing at the Nicholson House on Queen Street. In that same year, he and his wife Mary sold Stepney to their son, James Frisby Gordon, who had resided there as early as 1841. In this deed Stepney is referred to as "commonly called White House."

James F. Gordon and his wife Sarah Marie were responsible for constructing the three-story, five-bay brick structure on the east side of the old house. Its exterior was severely simple with a full length porch on its east facade. When constructed, the house had a low-pitched hip roof, with monitor in the center similar to Middle Plantation. In form it was also like Fairfield. Judging from the photograph taken around the turn of the century, the old rear wing was raised to two full stories, but built of frame. On the west end of the old building a three-bay, one-and-a-half story, frame wing was constructed, probably housing a kitchen and pantry.

The interior of the new house was quite simple, with large proportions. The stairhall was nearly 12 feet wide, having a continuous railing from the carved newel post to the third floor. Its painted, tapered balusters were identical to those at Radcliffe Cross, but the latter are of natural tiger maple. When constructed, the north parlor had six windows, but two flanking the fireplace were later bricked up.

James F. Gordon, like his father, had been Clerk of the Court (1851-56) for Kent County. Before selling

Stepney. The east facade showing the results of the c. 1928 remodeling of the third floor. C. Engstrom photograph, 1977.

Opposite page, a 1720 resurvey of Stepney for Simon Wilmer II, including 200 acres more than the original 1659 patent. Survey by Charles Hynson, Deputy Surveyor for Kent County.

Three periods of building are represented in this view, the oldest being the Flemish bond area around the third window from the right and just right of the screened porch. The family cemetery was formerly located south of the house. Tyler Campbell photograph, 1996

the property in 1862 to his brother-in-law, he and his family had moved to Howard County. James B. Ricaud, his brother-in-law, was Judge of the Circuit Court of this district and intimately involved with affairs of the area, including Washington College. He and his family lived at the White House Farm until his death in 1866, after which time it descended to his second wife Cornelia and later to his daughter Mary Rebecca Walker, wife of William S. Walker.

William Walker was the son of John W. and Elizabeth Constable Walker, born in 1832. He attended Washington College and Princeton and returned to farm. In 1884 he was elected judge of the Orphans Court. He was very active in the Episcopal Church and was on the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College.

In fulfillment of James B. Ricaud's will, after the death of Mary R. Walker, his farm Stepney was to go to his granddaughter Anna Walker, who was later to marry Walter H. Beck of St. Louis, MO. Both mother and daughter, however, joined in a deed in 1909, transferring Stepney to Walter Wright for nearly $5,000 less than Judge Ricaud had paid for it in 1862.

Walter and Joanna Wright lived at Stepney until 1924 when they sold the farm to Frank H. Worrell of Swarthmore, PA, who subsequently sold it to Thomas W. Spranklin in 1928. In 1928 and 1936, the Spranklins sold off several parcels along the water.

Perhaps it was the income from the sale of the waterfront that enabled the Spranklins to undertake the most ambitious remodeling of Stepney since that of James F. Gordon in the 1850s. Their remodeling included removing the third story and replacing the whole with a bold gambrel roof giving more headroom to the third floor rooms. On the back section, the one-and-a-half story frame wing, which appears in the early photograph, was removed. The west gable of the old house was demolished and a six-foot extension was added. At the same time, its second story was reconstructed of old brick, producing a more typical antebellum appearance. A porch was built across part of the south facade. Its new plan then consisted of a kitchen and dining room, with pantry and back stair between.

Sarah Spranklin sold the farm in 1936, three years after the death of her husband. Margaret R. Massey, a nurse for the Kent County Health Department, owned the farm for 10 years. Between 1946 and 1953, Stepney was owned by John and Lois Jones, from New York and later Detroit. In 1953 Arthur and Esther Lusby purchased the farm and established a trotting track, which remains in use today.

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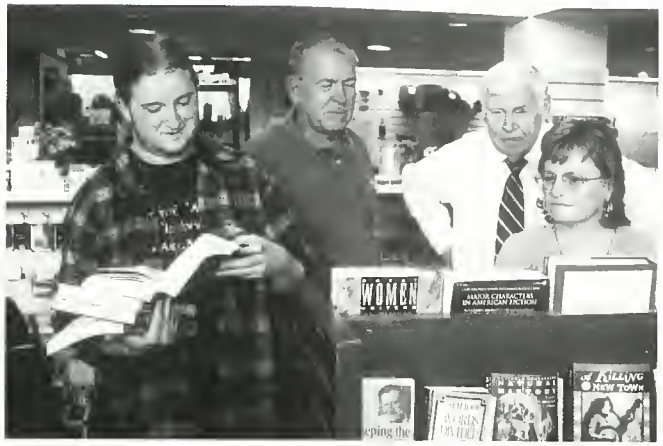


Scott Pyle (far left) and Dianne Reynolds shop for textbooks with Kent and Queen Anne's Chapter representatives Bob Cleaver '58 and Ralph Thornton '40. Pyle and Reynolds received the Chapter's Bookstore Scholarship for local students.

Alumni Chapters Raise Support For WC

FOUR RECENT alumni events have raised money for Washington College.

The annual Baltimore Alumni Golf Tournament played at Wakefield Valley Club raised $1,500 for the Chapter's scholarship fund. This financial assistance, to be awarded to an undergraduate from Baltimore, is a credit to the time and public relations talents of Peter Maller '90 and John McCarthy '93, the tournament organizers who solicited sponsorship for 18 holes from fellow Baltimore businessmen.

Funds raised by the annual Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni Flea Market, held each September on the campus lawn, support the Chapter's Bookstore Scholarship for local students. This year the Chapter helped two students pay for their textbooks.

Proceeds from the ninth annual Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament, directed by John Tansey '73 at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club in October, and the first Alumni Rockfish Tournament sailing from Rock Hall the following day, raised support for the Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame.

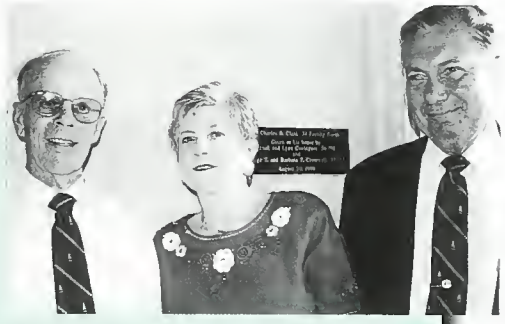
Sri Lanka Chapter Adopts Local Project

THE SRI LANKA Chapter, Washington College's first alumni chapter outside U.S. borders, has undertaken a community service project to help a rural school in the south of the island nation of Sri Lanka.

Using proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets, the Chapter provided schoolchildren with a vanload of books and school supplies and treated them to ice cream.

"When we made the gift, the children lined both sides of the entranceway of the school and applauded us all the way in," reports Chandev W. Abhayaratne '94, president of the Chapter. "The local Member of Parliament was present and made an enthusiastic speech in true Sri Lankan political style. The head priest of the local temple spoke too and gave us blessings for helping this school and the children."

The chapter hopes to help children with special needs and to raise funds to improve electric and water service, the library, and laboratory facilities.



CELEBRATIONS

Alumni Honor Former Professor

At the reopening of William Smith Hall, Charles B. Clarke '33 (left) was surprised to find his name on the corner office of J. David Newell, professor and chair of philosophy. Dr. Clarke's former students—Barbara Townsend '55 and George Cromwell '53 (pictured above with Clarke), Lynn Diana '54, and Chuck Covington '56—had donated the funds for the renovation of the faculty office in honor of this esteemed former professor of history and friend of the College.

Thanks to the Cromwells and Covingtons, Dr. Newell, the 1995 recipient of the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching, has a lovely view of campus from his renovated office. The next-door office of his department colleague, Claire Katz, also was donated by the Cromwells. Barbara Cromwell and Chuck Covington have also served as trustees on the Board of Visitors and Governors.

Four Nominated for Alumni Election to Board

IN ACCORDANCE with the Charter of Washington College, 12 of 37 College trustees are elected by Washington College alumni. Nominations are submitted by alumni-at-large to the Alumni Council's Nominating Committee and presented to the general Council which votes to determine the annual slate of candidates. In accordance with Article VI, Section 3, of the Washington College Alumni Association By-laws, additional nominations may be made November 30 through December 31, 1998 by petition of 50 members of the Alumni Association. Petitions can be forwarded to the Alumni Council Nominating Committee in care of the Alumni Office. An Official Election Ballot will be mailed to all alumni in early 1999. Two candidates will be elected to serve six-year terms on the Board of Visitors and Governors beginning June 1999. The Alumni Council's candidates for 1999 election of alumni Board members are profiled here:

Norris Commodore

NORRIS W. COMMODORE '73, Manager, customer financing, IBM Credit Corporation based in White Plains, New York, has responsibility for the marketing organization that helps customers finance information technology solutions in the northeast United States. Norris is a member of the Washington College Visiting Committee and, with his wife Theresa Wood '74, is a member of The 1782 Society Founders Club.

"My experiences at Washington College, both academically and socially, have helped me to be successful in my personal and business life since graduation. The College offers a very unique environment for learning that is more than just what happens in the classroom. This environment sets Washington College apart from other colleges and as a Board member I would work diligently to maintain it. I believe that this unique environment can be served by my 25 years of experience in the information technology industry and my experience in finance. As IBM Corporation manager I interface with the business and private communities to promote and participate in community development and marketing events. I believe this experience will be useful as Washington College moves into the 21st century."

PETER D. MALLER '90, Certified Financial Planner, Lincoln Financial Advisors, a Baltimore firm specializing in financial planning, estate planning, corporate benefits, insurance and investments. Peter is a member of the Washington College Visiting Committee, Sho'men Club Committee, Baltimore Alumni Chapter Steering Committee, and The 1782 Society Founders Club.

"I am honored to be nominated to the Board and, if elected, will bring youth, energy, and a commitment to do my best to help Washington College become recognized as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the country. My WC education prepared me to earn my M.B.A. from Florida State University and assists me now in my career in the financial services industry. I remain close to my Washington College family and hope to continue, as a member of the Board, in my efforts to introduce prospective students to our wonderful school, to ensure that current students get the most out of their WC experience, and to inspire alumni to actively participate in the life of their College. My experiences in national and international business, promotions and fundraising should help me in this regard."

Peter Maller

DARYL LYNCH SWANSTROM 69, BS, Industrial Management, Georgia Tech, President, CEO and owner Spyraflo, Inc., past president, CEO and owner, Engineered Components, Inc., industrial manufacturing and distribution firms headquartered in Atlanta Georgia with international clients including Diebold, NCR, ATT and Pitney Bowes. In the past 10 years annual sales from these companies have grown twelve-fold and customer base expanded fifteen-fold. Swanstrom is a member of the Washington College Visiting Committee and a member of The 1782 Society Alonzo G. Decker Society.

Daryl Swanstrom

"I am honored and thrilled to be nominated by the Alumni Council as a candidate for the Board of Visitors and Governors. I have always felt a strong attachment and firm belief in the principles on which Washington College was founded and by which it operates today. I believe that current College programs remain true to our liberal arts tradition while preparing our students to be contributing citizens of our contemporary global society. As a candidate for Board election, I offer Washington College strategic planning, management and development skills and the insights of my professional experience in rapidly expanding business."

MATTHEW T. WEIR '90, Independent Investor based in Washington, D.C. and Chestertown, Maryland. Matt is chairman of the Washington College Friends of the Arts, an Alumni Admissions Representative, a member of the Visiting Committee and the George Washington Society, and is alumni representative on the

Matthew Weir

Capital Campaign Cabinet. Matt and his wife Ann are members of The 1782 Society, Alonzo G. Decker Society.

"Washington College provided me with a safe environment in which to grow and mature. I want to work to ensure the same conditions are available for future generations. This is an exciting time for Washington College. The implementation of the strategic plan and the capital Campaign for Washington's College will bring some wonderful opportunities to enhance the value of a Washington College education. Since my graduation in 1990, I have maintained an abiding commitment to the College. Now that my wife and I have homes in both Washington and Chestertown, we look forward to spending even more time on campus."

WC On NBC's *Today* Show

WASHINGTON College made national television in late August when Kristina Tatusko Henry '88 plugged Washington College during an interview with Matt Lauer, the host of NBC's *Today* show.

Washington College did not pay the standard $50,000 for 30 seconds of airtime on *Today*. Instead it sent two alumni staffers to Rockefeller Plaza in New York City. What follows is an eyewitness account of that early morning.

Kristina and Trams Hollingsworth '75 left their hotel room at 6:00 a.m. carrying three lacrosse sticks, a tote bag filled with Washington College caps, and a six-foot banner (the gift of alumnus Don Derham '48) announcing "Washington College: Home of the Division III National Lacrosse Champs." It was an unwieldy load that did not go unnoticed by passing pedestrians.

The attendant at the coffee shop in the hotel lobby waved to say that his nephew was an all-star lacrosse goalie at his high school in Baltimore. Henry gave him a WC cap and her business card scribbled with the name of the new lacrosse coach. Other passersby on 6th Avenue called "Good luck with your game, girls."

At Rockefeller Plaza the crowd was already gathering. Kristina gave each of the television station security guards a cap and politely asked for assistance in hanging the banner in front of the rail. A group identified by their sign as "Hot teachers from London" and a family "All the way from Qatar" held the banner in place while Kristina secured it with duct tape. But the cheering, it turns out, was for Al Roker, the *Today* show's weatherman who had just exited the station to greet the masses.

Al Roker of the *Today* show dons a WC hat given to him by Kristina Tatusko Henry '88, who nabbed an interview with Matt Lauer using a stranger's baby as bait.

He was gracious as Henry posed him for a photograph. But the national television cameras were focused on an infant boy being lifted by his parents above the crowd. Then Mr. Roker announced that he had to return to the set to forecast the path of Hurricane Bonnie, but that he would be outside again at 8:30 a.m. with *Today* show host Matt Lauer.

By 8:25 a.m. Kristina had combed 6th Avenue and returned with what she'd been looking for. On a nearby sidewalk she had introduced herself and her mission to Anne Marie Brolly, a tourist from Wheaton, IL, who returned with Kristina to the banner on the rail and, as the stars exited the building and the camera spotlights scanned the cheering crowd, held her beautiful baby daughter right in front of the WC banner. As the cameras rolled in her direction, followed by Matt Lauer, Kristina jumped in front of her swaddled sidekick.

In the only outside interview conducted by Lauer that morning, Henry plugged the College location and history, as well as the recent accomplishment of the men's lacrosse team. "We were the first college founded in the new nation. The only school to which George Washington actually gave his name while he was living. Founded in 1782," Henry gushed.

"And you're the lacrosse champs in Division III?," Lauer asked.

"And now we're first in lacrosse, national Division III champs," Henry replied.

"Nice to have you here," Lauer said.

At 9:00 a.m. when the lights and cameras were unplugged and a still-radiant Kristina was packing up, two NBC security guards walked up to her, tipped their Washington College caps and said "Great job!"

That remark was just a preview of the many telephone messages from alumni throughout the U.S. who called to say "Good game, girls!"

1924

DOROTHY WOODALL MYERS
celebrated her 95th birthday on July 27. Dorothy, the 1920s representative to the Alumni Council, is known by eight decades of alumni and students for the lively spirit she brings to the many College events she regularly attends.

1940

ERNEST SHOCKLEY
and wife Margaret '45 send "greetings from Virginia Beach where we continue to enjoy our retirement. Peg plays a lot of bridge. I had quadruple bypass surgery on May 29, 1997 and have made a great recovery, including a return to golfing."

1945

ROGER BERRY
is a retired Vice President and General Manager for the associated companies of Burlington Refrigerator Express Co., Fruit Growers Express Co., and Western Fruit Express Co., which are headquartered in Washington, DC. He returned to Chestertown in July to tour the College campus for the first time in many years. "Everything changes but nothing changes—the old feelings and spirit of Washington College will remain through the ages."

Kevin O'Keefe '74 and daughter Grace enjoyed the festivities during the reopening of William Smith Hall in late August. O'Keefe and his family were on campus to help settle in his niece, Kerry O'Keefe, a freshman from Sacramento, CA.

1949

BEVERLY SMITH GILBERT
is still enjoying small town life in Cranbury, NJ and writes: "I hope to see you all at our 50th."

ANITA STARLINGS MOOR
retired from teaching in 1983. She writes: "My husband and I have been enjoying our grandchildren, living in Florida during the winter months, traveling, and working as volunteers for many organizations. Looking forward to our 50th reunion at WC!"

1950

RAY HOLLIS
was featured in the *Fairfield Bay News*, a local Arkansas newspaper, for his program "Learning to Read Successfully," a volunteer program that pairs adults with schoolchildren. Once a week, in a one-on-one setting during the last hour of the school day, students are able to brush up on their reading skills with adult tutors.

1952

PHYLLIS SEITZ BENNETT
is an antiques dealer in a mall of 200 dealers. She and husband Richard live in Westminster, MD, and have five grandchildren.

1953

SHIRLEY HAND LAWALL
again won the Charlie Cup, awarded to a member of the class who most resembles his or her yearbook picture. Shirley won this award for the tenth consecutive year, a feat never before accomplished by any alumni. She and her husband, Fred '52, attended all the reunion activities.

BILL HUSSELL
and the Atheys, Edward M. '67, Edward L. '47, and Ron, won Division I of the American Cancer tournament at Prospect Bay in Grasonville, MD. They traveled to Williamsburg, VA, on August 24th and 25th to play in the regionals.

1954

JOHN NEWBOLD
writes: "Sharon and I are moving to our North Carolina residence on the Outer Banks. I'm already in the phone book there @ 252-480-2453 and will be taking customers on surf fishing parties. As president of the North Carolina Beach Buggy Association, my time is so full I wonder how I will ever hold a full-time job. Give me a call if you've ever wanted to surf fish. I have the vehicle and all the tackle. All that's missing is you!"

BOB STAHL
is a retired administrative patent judge. He and his wife Jean were off on a Hawaiian vacation during the month of October.

1955

FRANK PHARES
showed his granddaughter, Corrie Phares '00, around campus in June.

1956

BOB PICKETT
is retired from Delta Airlines but is working for a travel agency. He writes: "I have a new grandson, Stephen Walter Gale, born on April 3, 1998. Looking forward to retiring again before the end of the century."

EMILY DRYDEN RUSSELL
won the grand championship for needlework at the Queen

Anne's County Fair with a handsewn quilt. Her husband, Bill Russell '53, is supervising the building of a new Senior Center for Queen Anne's County in Stevensville, MD.

1958

CURT MASSEY
won a 1987 Ford Aerostar van in a promotional giveaway at the June 12th Delmarva Shorebirds game hosted annually by the Mardel Alumni chapter.

1959

BRUCE T. BRIGGS
has been named coordinator of Moorehead State University's new health services administration program, a four-year bachelor of science degree program.

1962

HARRY DAY
has been the deputy registrar of voters in Washoe County in Reno, NV, elections for the past 16 years. His daughter Gina attends the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA.

1963

KITTY YODER EATON
attended her 35th Reunion in May. "The party at Sue Burt's was as warming and pleasurable as I had hoped and remembered from five years before. Again I felt a renewal: a closer feeling with the people who were there five years ago; a connection to the people who hadn't come to the 30th Reunion. I now feel exceedingly grateful for Washington College and the friends I have now, both the ones saved from back then and new ones I made of classmates I didn't know at all back then."

EVA GAROINER
is leaving her position of Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences at William Paterson University of New Jersey to return to teaching as professor of English at William Paterson. "After seventeen years as dean at three institutions, it will be good to return to my first love—literature."

JIMMIE GLEN
reports that Sue Burt Collins '63 again generously opened her home to feed, water, and entertain the class of 1963 reunion participants as well as the classes of '60, '62, '64, '68, town friends, and Dr. Nate Smith. People were reacquainted and enjoyed themselves to tunes from the band Sue provided. Jimmie says that the food was delicious and non-stop. "THANK YOU Sue!!! We went to the wonderful campus activities and those who are no longer with us were remembered at the Sunday Memorial Service on the river. To everyone who didn't make it, we missed you and want you to put May 2003 on your calendars now!"

Pictured here in Susan Burt's backyard during her 1963 Class Reunion party are (left to right) Carolyn McGreevy Quist '63, Roland "Bucky" Larrimore '62, Cynthia Patin Stillinger '63, and Susan Burt Collins '63.

1964

DOLLE BROWN
visited campus in September '98, as a State employee, to remember Louis Goldstein '35, whose life and work were celebrated at Fall Convocation. Dolle also announced the graduation of her daughter, Colleen Brown, from Wagner College in Staten Island, NY. Colleen received a BA in Theatre with departmental honors.

NANCY R. MARTIN
is living on a barrier island in southwest Florida and is traveling extensively on a new motor yacht. "Look for *Airwaves* on the Chesapeake this summer."

KENNETH G. OEHLKERS
writes: "Attending my Peace Corps reunion in Puerto Vallarta over the Memorial Day weekend recalled memories of the 1960s: JFK's assassination in November, graduating from WC the following June, beginning Peace Corps training at L.A. State two weeks later, and landing in Peru on my 21st birthday. Wow! Having long since traded my juarachi sandals for wingtips, I'm now with Merrill Lynch & Co. in New York."

1966

DR. NICHOLAS DESTEFANO
and wife Elizabeth DeStefano '66 commemorated their 30th wedding anniversary at a June surprise party thrown by their children, Paula '95, Katherine, and Nicholas. They also recently celebrated three graduations. Paula graduated this May from the University of Delaware with a Master of Arts in History and Certification in Museum Studies. Katherine graduated from LaSalle University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and Nicholas completed high school and is headed to Gettysburg College. They would love to hear from any old friends and can be reached at destefnj@jlcl01.dnet.dupont.com.

1968

BARBARA FLOYD
retired from American Airlines in 1995 after 27 years and started her new career as manager of Eyre Travel in Glenelg, MD.

PATRICIA HERVEY THOMSON
works for AMS, an international consulting and computer software firm located in Fairfax, VA, as a business analyst/project manager for the implementation of state and local government financial management systems. She and husband Larry are planning a move from southern Utah, where they have lived for the past four years and have en-

In June, Jim McCurdy, co-president of the Mardel Alumni Chapter with Susan Brett Slaughter '75, bravely carried the WC LAX championship banner into "enemy" camp — Perdue Stadium in Salisbury, MD- where the Chapter gathered behind home plate for a Shorebirds game. The banner, as it turned out, brought cheers from good-spirited Salisbury State University lacrosse fans in the stadium.

C.A. Hutton and Alexandra Nader '94 were two New Yorkers who sighted the WC Banner in New York's Bryant Park, where alumni and 4,000 others had gathered for an al fresco screening of "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

joyed hiking and visiting old mining and ghost towns.

1969

DIANE DILUZIO EWAN
is teaching Spanish II and Spanish III Honors at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Fort Lauderdale, FL. "I was well prepared at WC. My husband Charles is employed by Motorola. We are doing great and enjoy visits from family and friends."

1971

BARBARA HARRISON
works for Suray, a manufacturers' demo company, and Chris '66 continues year-round at GACHS. Their son Alan is finishing his junior year at Northeastern University in a five-year mechanical engineering program.

1972

LAUREN KIMERER
is an electron microscopist at the Bedford V.A. hospital. Husband Brian '69 is a staff engineer at Genus, Inc. and the winner of an award for excellence for his triptych "Glass" painted with acrylics. Daughter Danielle is a junior in high school and son William is in the seventh grade.

1973

BILL PITCHER
writes that his daughter Julia is a freshman at Syracuse University, Krause College of Music, as an opera major. Bill is still practicing law in Annapolis.

JON SPEAR
is director of Law and Public Policy with MCI Communications Corporation. He is also president of the Washington, DC, metropolitan area Corporate Counsel Association. He, his wife, and their two children live in McLean, VA.

1975

ERIC CIGANEK
writes that his son, James Stevens Charles Ciganek, born on April 7, 1998, was crawling at ten weeks and Coach Chatty thinks he is a potential track runner for the WC freshman class of 2019. Eric's older son Francis is making track records around the mid-Atlantic.

WYNNE ELIZABETH WOOLLEY
and husband James William Wasson toasted their year-old marriage on June 27, 1998 by hosting a southern-style barbecue in Richmond, VA.

1976

JAMES BOWERMAN
and his wife, Virginia Bowerman '74, write "we are proud to announce that our daughter, Katharine, graduated in the top thirty of her class at Fauquier High School in June, 1998 and is attending the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA. She hopes to pursue a career in international relations or journalism."

ROYALL B. WHITACKER
is teaching English and coaching football and lacrosse at South Kent School, an Episcopal boarding school for boys in grades 9 through PG.

1977

BILL JOHNSON
received his Ph.D. in biology from Northern Arizona University (NAU) in 1997, studying angiotensin-related thirst mechanisms in desert anurans. He is a research assistant professor at NAU teaching and coordinating physiology labs, and a half-time research associate at the University of Arizona Medical College, studying stressor effects on mast cell degranulation-induced damage in intestinal vasculature.
Bill's wife Julie Baldwin is an associate professor in health professions at NAU. They love Flagstaff, where they are raising two boys with Julie expecting in March. To regain some sanity, Bill goes on Grand Canyon hiking trips with those fit and crazy enough to do it. Give him an e-mail at william.johnson@nau.edu if you are interested in canyon hikes, and Bill will indicate what level of fitness is necessary.

KEITH TWITCHELL
donned cap and gown to represent Washington College at the inauguration of Michael Lomax as president of Dillard University on October 18, 1998 in New Orleans, LA.

1979

SUSAN FOX
relocated to Scottsdale, AZ, with her son Lewis, age 10. She has accepted a position as the Director of Business Strategy Development for PCS HealthSystems, Division of Lily. "We are learning that 105 degrees can be considered cool, and not to worry about soccer games being rained out."

DOUGLAS LIPPOLDT,
his wife Dani Lippoldt '82, and their children Erika, age 10, and

Shelly Sharp '78, husband Greg, and their son Andrew enjoyed the skipjack sailing adventure during Reunion 1998.

Rachel, age 8, live just outside of Paris in Chaville, France. Doug is an economist at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. Dani is active in church and school. "We've been here six years and enjoy it, but still come home to the Shore each year in search of a decent crabcake!"

1980

DENISE BELMORE McEACHERN
was promoted to Director of Regulatory and Clinical Affairs for Vistakon, Johnson & Johnson Vision Products, Inc. "The children—Michelle, age 10, and Christopher, age 7—are growing like weeds and pick Uncle Ken Belmore '79 as their favorite uncle."

CAROL SMILLIE
moved from NYC to New York's Hudson Valley four years ago. "Here I started my own company, Sycamore Creek—manufacturer of handcrafted copper home & garden furnishings, primarily trellises and arbors (available directly via mail order and at select garden centers). Just received national recognition in the current [August] issue of *Fine Gardening* magazine. Thoroughly enjoying the bucolic life. Recently celebrated my one-year wedding anniversary with my husband, Walter Kisly. Life is good."

1981

KEN MERZ
is a chemistry professor at Penn State University.

1983

GARY ATKINSON
has been with Dixon Valve & Coupling Co. for 13 years, the last 12 as Cost Accountant. He may be reached at garyka@dmv.com.

JAMES CORDDRY
received a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins University in May 1998. He still spends some summer weekends boating on the Chester River and visited the campus this summer as part of the Cycle Across Maryland Tour. If any Sig buddies want to get together for some water skiing, please e-mail him at captjime@erols.com.

DOUG WHITE
lives in Franklin, MA, with his wife Carole and their two children—Andrew, age 3, and Elizabeth, age 1. Doug was promoted to vice president of marketing for US Commercial Operations at Chiron Diagnostics.

CHRISTOPHER J. WHITNEY
received a Certificate of Recognition while assigned at Naval Branch Medical Clinic in New Orleans, LA.

1984

DAN BAKLEY
is living in Cary, NC, with his wife Brenda and their two sons—Jonathan, age 3, and Matthew age, 6 months.

BETTY CLARKE
is writing and editing for Family Radio, which has stations across the United States.

1985

DOUG ROSE
writes "since I left Macmillan Publishing on disability in February, 1997, I have been living in Baltimore and getting excellent health care at Johns Hopkins Hospital. As my health allows, I volunteer at the People with AIDS Coalition, where I advise on communications programs, as well as the

B I R T H S

To Joseph Getty '74 and wife Susan, a son, Samuel Joseph, on March 1, 1998.

To Lisa Cameron '79 and husband Ken Romaine, a son, Kenneth Martin, on February 20, 1997. He joins his sisters, Gillian, 11, and Devon, 7.

To Lincoln '86 and Laura Karnoff, a son, Jeffrey Scott Karnoff, on August 5, 1998.

To Bridget McElroy Cowie '87 and husband Michael, twins, Colin George and Kathryn Wingfield, on February 25, 1998. Colin and Kathryn join their big brother Brendan, 2½.

To Joyce "Jobi" Jones Ferguson '87 and husband Jeff, a son, Jeffrey Lyn Ferguson, Jr., on May 22, 1997. Jeffrey joins big sister Jillian Lee, 3.

To Leslie d'Ablemont Feeley '88 and husband Steve Feeley, a daughter, Quinn Burke Feeley, on June 19, 1998. *(pictured above)*

To Paula Pisciotta Devine '88 and husband Thomas, a daughter, Elizabeth Clara Devine, on December 12, 1997. She joins sister Ann Marie, 2.

To Cora Shorter McVey '88 and husband Brian McVey, a daughter, Rowan Francis McVey, on June 8, 1998.

To Tammy Tomlinson Miller '88 and husband David, a daughter, Rachel Lauren Miller, on July 13, 1998. She joins big brother Garrett, 3, and sister Hayley, who is 15 months.

To Andy Webb '89 and wife Julie Schram Webb '92, a daughter, Olivia Rachel, on February 9, 1998. She joins sisters Ellie, 7, Abby, 5, and Madeline, 2½.

To Sean Murphy '90 and Michelle Beattie Murphy '93, a daughter, Catherine Marie, on April 3, 1998.

To Chris Brower and wife Kimberly, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on July 25, 1995, and a son, Hamilton Merrick II, on January 10, 1997.

To Kevin Doyle '92 and wife Susan Doyle '94, a son, Brendan Burke Doyle, on January 5, 1998. *(pictured above)*

To Raph Koster '92 and his wife Kristen Koster '90, a son, David Carlo, on April 21, 1998. He joins big sister Elena Marie, 1½. Lynnda Whitlock Johnson '63 is the proud grandmother.

To Vanessa Post Simms '92 and husband Dan, a son, Nathan Daniel, on February 11, 1998 in York, PA. He joins Kevin, 6, and Kristina, 11.

Youth Theatre Project, an education and prevention program."

RICHARD T. KIRCHER
moved to Boston, MA, after 13 years at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore, MD. He accepted a position as transfer agent compliance manager for Putnam Investments. He and his wife Kathy are looking forward to moving into the new house they are building in Rowley, MA.

1986

ANNE MAGRATH
has been a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) for more than eight years and this past year served as the Management Development Vice President for the State of Maryland. She was elected the 59th President of the Maryland Jaycees in Ocean City. Anne moved to a new home in Severna Park, where she runs her graphic design company, MaGraphics.

RICK SOWELL
was named as the new men's lacrosse coach at Dartmouth University, an NCAA Division I-level school. A 1988 inductee into the Horseheads (NY) High School Hall of Fame and former NCAA All-American from Washington College, Rick comes to the Hanover Plain after a seven-year stint as an assistant coach at Georgetown. Sowell is believed to be the first African American to become a head lacrosse coach at the NCAA Division I level.

MARY HELEN HOLZGANG SPRECHER
is working as an executive director at Franklin/Thomas Association Management in Ellicott City and has just completed her second year on the faculty of Goucher College's certificate program in Meeting Planning, for their Graduate and Continuing Studies department. This past winter/spring, she became godmother to Tara Vizzi, the daughter of Amy Seifert '85 and Taras Vizzi.

1987

KRISTIN MURPHY BRIGHTBILL
received her masters in counseling. She writes, "I'm taking some time off to be a mom" after having worked part-time as an addiction counselor.

CHRIS DOHERTY
has been promoted within AT&T Wireless Services to public affairs director for the Eastern US, overseeing public relations and public policy in major cities from Boston to Miami. He and his wife Marjorie live just south of Annapolis with their four dogs and various cats, fish, and horses. Chris keeps in close touch with Chris Foley '89, Kevin Langan '90, Chris Huebner '89 and occasionally Shaeffer Reese '87 and Bob Caldwell '90, who can also be seen every other Sunday on the Home Shopping Network.

Brothers Chris Luhn '74 and Jerry Luhn '70 posed in front of George Washington when Chris's daughter Meghan Brumby graduated in May. Chris is a partner in the Law Office of Christopher N. Luhn, in Clifton Park, NY. His brother Jerry is an attorney for the New York State Commission On Quality Care for the Mentally Disabled in Albany. Meghan has gone to work for National Geographic in Washington, DC.

Albert "Jay" Young, past SGA President, *Washington College Magazine* Donor's Profile, and a partner in the law firm of Brown, Brown & Brown in Bel Air, MD, dressed accordingly for the steel band concert when the Baltimore Alumni Chapter gathered in Ladew Topiary Gardens near his home in Monkton.

BRIDGET MCELROY COWIE
and her family of five moved from Alexandria, VA, to Chevy Chase, MD.

SUE DEPASQUALE
is editor of an award-winning magazine. In June, the *Johns Hopkins Magazine* was named the 1998 Robert Sibley Magazine of the Year by a panel of judges at *Newsweek*. Sue flew to Chicago in July to accept the award from CASE, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

1988

MARNIE CUMMINGS
is happy to announce her engagement to Brian Bruso.

KRISTINA TATUSKO HENRY
participated in the 12th annual University of Iowa Summer Writing Festival in Iowa City.

DEBORAH KIRKPATRICK MCMENAMIN
earned the professional designation of Associate, Customer Service (ACS) from the Insurance Institute of America, located in Malvern, PA. Deborah is the supervisor of marketing and sales for the Harleysville Life Insurance Company, where she has been employed for the past six years. She resides in Jeffersonville, PA, with her husband Patrick and their daughter Catelyn.

PETE MENDIVIL
together with his parents, owns a home building company, Corvus Construction, located in Tucson, AZ.

ERICA MUNSKE WILEMAN
is appeals manager for the National Parks and Conservation Association in Washington, DC.

KATHLEEN WINTER
has been living in Los Angeles, CA, for the past four years where she is manager of Training & Recruiting at Creative Computers, a leading direct marketer of personal computers and related products. Kathleen is engaged to Aaron Eichenlaub. They will be married in Baltimore on June 19, 1999. She writes: "I love living four blocks from the beach and all there is to do in southern California!"

1989

NEAL BOULTON
and his wife Claire are teaching a 14-week class in publication design at the Columbia Graduate School of Photojournalism.

ANDY WEBB
is building his Market America Unfranchise and frequently gives seminars around the country. Andy reports that wife Julie '92 stays at home with their girls and writes articles and poetry that appear in magazines supporting moms at home.

MELANIE WADE WING
made a recent job change and is joining PECO Energy as a competitive intelligence strategist. She would love to hear from her ZTA sisters and Ken Winkler '89. Her e-mail address is mtcuba@mcione.com.

1990

CARRIE BLACKBURN
is an associate with Kerr McDonald in LLP, in Baltimore. Her practice concentrates on civil litigation matters for individual and business clients.

PETER MALLER
passed his cumulative CFP exam after a two-year, six-exam process. Peter is now an official Certified Financial Planner in Baltimore.

SAMANTHA MILBREDT
is living in Castle Rock, CO, (just outside of Denver) and has successfully achieved her fourth year as the publisher of the *Rocky Mountain Horse Connection*, the leading equine marketing journal in Colorado. Sam was thrilled to see everyone at John Carriere's '89 birthday party. "It is great so

M A R R I A G E S

Mark H. Devins '78 to Sandra M. Cyr on March 21, 1998 at Glen Magna Farms in Danvers, MA. The couple is residing in Danvers.

Lizzie Edgeworth '82 to Michael Cantacuzene on June 6, 1998 in Washington, DC. Fellow alumni there were Katie Tynan Cooke '82, Bitsy Speno Cramer '84, Cathy Leahy Harrison '82, Jeannie Merrick Maddux '82, Yvonne Montanye O'Neill '82, Debbie Kole Schlette '82, and Evan Williams '82. Lizzie and Michael departed the next day for a safari honeymoon in Botswana.

Skip Ebaugh '85 to Bridget Myers on May 9, 1998. In attendance were Lauren Ebaugh Halterman '87 and Chuck Halterman '89. After a two-week honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple returned to their home in Ocean City, MD.

Andrew J. Unger '89 to Jeanne M. Bouslog, on February 14, 1998. The couple was married on skis on top of Loveland Pass in Clear Creek, CO.

Susan Stobbart '91 to Robert Shapiro on September 6, 1998 at the Annapolis Yacht Club. The couple spent a week in Bermuda for their honeymoon. WC bridesmaids were Jennifer Sponseller '92 and Erika DelPriore '89. WC attendees were Cliff '91 and Alice Schroeder, Kristen Schneeloch '91, James Plaskitt '91, Joan Koo '92 and Eric Hoffman, Kathleen O'Donnell '86, Nancy Fahrenkopf Whiteley '79, and Matija Matesic Burtis '90 and husband Chris.

David Cromwell '91 to Stephanie Wall on March 7, 1998 in Raleigh, NC. They are living in Kensington, MD.

Joan Koo '92 to Eric H. Hoffman on January 25, 1998 in Maui, HI.

Amy d'Ablemont '85 was married in the woods of Cape Cod on June 6, 1998 to Ethan Mellier Burnes. The d'Ablemont Burnes' had a wonderful evening with WC classmates and their spouses, who included (starting in first row) Tom Tansi '85, Steve Negley and his wife Melissa Combes '85, Peter Carlton and his wife Megan Ballard Carlton '85, and Molly Hussman Ellis '85 and her husband Bob Ellis. Everyone raised their glasses to the Matron of Honor in absentia, Leslie d'Ablemont Felley '88, the bride's sister who was at home with her husband in Virginia awaiting the imminent birth of their daughter Quinn (see Births). The newlyweds are living in Boston and are working together at the Boston Renaissance Charter School.

Kathy McGuigan '89 to David Peter on June 20, 1998 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Indian Head, MD. In attendance were Jeff Cessna '89, Kate Pynn '91, Ken Winkler '89, Chip Schaller '89, M'94, Ruth Davidson Schaller '88, M'93, M'94, Bill Faust '88, and his wife Carole Faust.

MARRIAGES

Karen Scott '94 to Chris Hansen '91 on July 25, 1998 at St. John's Catholic Church in Baldwin, MD. Alumni attendees were Laura Heidel '95 (Maid of Honor), Brooke Frank '92 (groomsman), Natalie Guiberson '94, Traci Castello Stanley '93, Miriam Jecelin Mullin '93, P. J. Mullin '94, Michelle Crosier '94, Dennis Kelleher '93, and Nicole Zemanski Marano '96. The couple honeymooned in Nova Scotia and are living in Centreville, MD.

Tanya Lynne Cunic '93 to Scott Ross Koon '94 on May 23, 1998 in the Rose Garden of the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown, NJ. Justin Cann '93 was best man and Brian Matheson '95 was a groomsman. The couple traveled to London, Amsterdam and Berlin for their honeymoon and will be residing in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

many Washington College alumni are doing so well! If any WC grads are in the Denver area, please call or e-mail me at rmhc@estreet.com."

1991

CHRIS BROWER
and wife Kimberly live in Charleston, SC. The couple is opening their own business, "The Spa" (an AVEDA Concept Day Spa).

DON STEELE
says he is living a happy, soon-to-be married, New York life. He merchandises catalogs for Genesis Direct.

1992

KEVIN DOYLE
was promoted within his company Aramark. He, his wife Susan (Daisley) '94, and their son Brendan live in Hamden, CT.

JOAN KOO HOFFMAN
returned to New York City after living in Korea for a year. She and husband Eric reside in Connecticut and in New York City.

RAPH KOSTER
and his wife Kristen Koster '90 are living in Austin, TX; they moved there from Alabama a few years back after Raph completed his MFA in poetry at the University of Alabama. Raph is lead designer for ORIGIN's Internet role playing game and virtual world Ultima Online, which is the most successful online game ever made. Kristen, who also worked on the game, is now staying at home with the kids. They recently celebrated their sixth anniversary. They can both be reached via e-mail at koster@eden.com.

1993

CAROLYN ATHEY
is employed by Meridian Health Systems in Brielle, NJ, as an events planner. Anyone who attended a WC alumni event from 1993-1996 knows that MHS is fortunate to have our former assistant director on the team. Carolyn and Kevin Harmes '97 will be married in Chestertown on November 14, 1998 and will reside in Brielle.

SANDY CASSIDY
writes: "I'm living in Annapolis having a great time! Hello to everyone I haven't bumped into or gotten a letter from who I knew back in the day!"

LISA PRUETT
is living in Portland, OR, with fellow alum Greg Lawler '95. Lisa was graduated with a masters degree in the science of nursing from Yale University School of Nursing in May 1998 and is looking for a job as a pediatric nurse practitioner. Greg is enrolled in a teaching program at Lewis and Clark College.

1994

MICHELLE CROSIER
was graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in veterinary medicine on May 17, 1998. She is practicing medicine in Edgewater, MD.

LIONEL A. DYSON
received his Juris Doctor from the Georgetown University Law Center on May 25, 1998. He is preparing to take the Maryland Bar Examination, and would welcome any news concerning M.E.S.

RENEE GUCKERT
works for the Law Offices of Richard W. Moore in Towson, MD. She will graduate from the University of Baltimore School of Law in December, 1998 and will sit for the Maryland Bar Exam in February 1999. She writes: "I continue to play field hockey for the Baltimore Field Hockey Association with WC alums Eleanor Shriver '93, Liz Whelan '88 and Jennie Blackstone Boyce '92."

CAROLINE JENSEN
was awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM). The College's 107th commencement was held at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, PA, on Sunday, May 24, 1998. Caroline will begin an internship at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, CT.

ALEXANDRA NADER
is department assistant in the graduate Photography Department at the School of Visual Arts. She has an apartment in Manhattan's Lower East Side and would love to hear from fellow alums at prue@juno.com.

1995

LISA BROWN
is embarking on a new career as a software trainer at the World Bank in Washington, DC, where her language skills will be put to good use! She enjoys spending time (and playing soccer) with other WC grads: Tony Higgins '95, Greg Coss '92, and Brendan Norris '95. She is looking forward to the next Washington, DC, area alumni get-together!

CHARLES BUCKNOR
graduated in May from the University of Richmond School of Law with a Juris Doctor and from the University of Richmond Graduate School of Business with a Master's in Business Administration. During the law school's graduation ceremony, Charles was honored by being inducted into the national honor society for the Order of the Barrister.

MARIANNE CULBERTSON
completed the teacher certifica-

tion program at Towson University and was offered a job within the following month. Teaching reading to sixth graders at Golden Ring Middle School, Baltimore County, MD, will be her challenge. She is positive that everyone will recall her energetic personality *chuckle* and will understand her connection with middle school students. "Oh, and I will finally be getting rid of that darn blue Escort! Hehe."

DAVID DENNEHY
completed his first year of teaching at the Marvelwood School in Kent, CT, where he taught history and coached basketball and lacrosse.

R. SCOTT DERVAES
graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law. He and his wife Michelle are living in San Francisco, CA.

PAULA L. DESTEFANO
graduated in May with a Master of Arts in History and Certification in Museum Studies from the University of Delaware. Through Delaware's Museum Studies Program she completed two internships, enjoying the opportunity to work with an archaeology program called Digging the Past, as well as with a textile collection at the Nemours Mansion and Gardens. She is currently working as a Curatorial Assistant at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE. Anyone who wants to get in touch can reach her at pldestef@udel.edu.

DAVID GEORGE
was awarded the Secretary of the Navy Civilian Fellowship in Financial Management to complete his MA at George Washington University. He has worked for the Department of the Navy as a Financial Manager and Comptroller since his graduation from WC.

SUSAN HUNTLEY
is at the University of Montana in Missoula, working on her master's in anthropology.

CHARLES McCAUSLAND
is in the master's program in bi-

Brandon White '94 and Tom Gattone '98 have developed an on-line resource for fishing that has grown from a regional venture into a global business. What started out as the Chesapeake Angler site is now the WorldWideAngler.com Fishing Network, with a staff of 20+ writers providing reviews, columns, and other news of fishing from around the world. With the recent purchase of another Internet fishing site and business incorporation of Fin Publishing Company, WorldWideAngler.com now has in place Northeast Angler, Chesapeake Angler, Florida Angler, and Southeast Angler electronic publications. In September, the site launched an on-line tackle shop called iGoFish.com.

"We believe that with our business model we can capitalize on all the revenue opportunities that the Internet offers," notes Gattone. "A liberal arts education is helping us explore it successfully." Viewers can check out the fishing network at http://www.worldwideangler.com.

MARRIAGES

Jessa Anne DeMars '97 to David Barnes Gillis, Jr. '97 on June 6, 1998 at Grace United Methodist Church in Aberdeen, MD. WC grads in attendance were Carol Weisel '71, Glenn Gillis '83, Ellie Gillis '83, John Weaver '97, Amy Harmon '97, Ryan McAllister '98, and Christina Turner '98. Handbells dedicated to David Barnes Gillis, Sr. '71 and Nancy Gillis were played by the Carillon Bell Choir in the prelude of the ceremony.

Paula Link '97 to Andrew Newsome on August 15, 1998.

John Knorr III '93 to Sonya Church '93 on July 11, 1998 in Baltimore, MD. In attendance were Chris Schroeder '94, Colin Plank '93, Erik Markey '93, Laura Hammond '93, and Michael Rumsey '94.

Kevin Marshall '94 to Elizabeth Edwards at Turner's Creek in Kennedyville, MD, on June 21, 1998. Alumni in attendance: Christine Smith '94, Natalie Guiberson '94, Victoria Komjathy '94, Dennis Kelleher '93, Michelle Crosier '94, Dana Rechen '97, Kristin Rosegren '00, Ken Pipkin '95, Chris Berghaus '94, P. J. Mullin '94, Brian Gimelson '92, Lionel Dyson '94, Jett Grafton '94, Sally Hainsworth '93, Miriam Jecelin Mullin '93, Stephany Slaughter '94, Kerri Haskins '96, Stephanie Haefner '96, Cleo Patterson '96, Renee Kunnel '94, and Kristin McMenamin '96.

MARRIAGES

Nicole Zemanski '96 to Christopher Marano at The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Towson, MD, on June 2, 1997. In attendance were P. J. Mullin '94 and Miriam Jecelin Mullin '93, Karen Scott Hansen '94, Chris Hansen '88, Laura Heidel '95, Kristin Smith '97, Liza Whayland Hastings '96, Heather Harper '96, Sharla Ponder Murray '95, Matt Murray '95, Jill Schultz '96, Matt Distler '96, Denise Hakanson '95, Beverly Diaz '95, Stephanie Self '97, Allison Wentworth '97, Chris Downs '96, Rebecca Herrera '96, Sara Neutzel '98, Sean Tyszko '98, and Natalie Guiberson '94.

Nicole Chmura '97 to Donald Behler III on June 6, 1998 at St. Stephen Roman Catholic Church in Bradshaw, MD. Friends from WC attending were: (back row, l to r) Jenniter Ruenzel '97, Elizabeth Barlow '97, Renee Pacquin '00, Andrea Selvaggio '99, Stephanie Self '97, Sharla Ponder Murray '95, Matt Murray '95, (front row, l to r) April Stout '98, Nikki Ikena '00, Nichole Wagner '95, and Shelly Waltimyer '97. The couple honeymooned in Aruba.

ology at Towson State University. He holds two part-time positions—as a veterinary technician and as an assistant manager at a fine wine store in the Towson, MD, area.

MARCIA MOWBRAY
writes: "I am back in the Washington, DC, area after a brief stint in my home state of Florida. Not even the gorgeous beaches and warm sunshine could keep me away! I work for a member of Congress from the Sunshine State and am happy to note quite a few fellow WC alums floating around up here!"

BRIAN TARLETON
writes: "After 18 months contracting with the State Department, and traveling to such places as Cambodia, Singapore, Mauritius, Finland, Kazakhstan, Algeria, New Zealand, and Guyana, I have made my move to the West Coast. Currently living in San Francisco, I am working as a technical trainer with a software company, which develops front-office and risk-analysis packages for first-tier international banks. I can be reached at either: Brian_Tarleton@Infinity.com or TarletonB@hotmail.com."

KIM VAN KEUREN
is the junior accountant with Lone Pine Capital LLC, in Greenwich, CT.

MEGAN E. WARD
was graduated *magna cum laude* from Washington & Lee Law School in May. She was also admitted into the Order of the Coif. Currently, she is employed with the law firm of Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell in Wilmington, DE.

1996

TINA BALIN
is a training program coordinator for the U.S. Justice Department, Criminal Division, International Criminal Investigative Training Program, assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. After her experience working with Cuban/Haitian refugees in Guantanamo Bay as an undergraduate, she said she jumped at the opportunity to relocate to Haiti. A number of the refugees who repatriated to Haiti returned to serve as policemen with the interim police security force, for whom she coordinates training.

SUZANNE BASEL
lives in Manhattan. She is employed at NBC through their Page Program, where she works as the ticket and audience coordinator for the Rosie O'Donnell show as well as on the sets of Saturday Night Live and Late Night with Conan O'Brien.

ERICA ESTEP
represented Washington College at the inauguration of Dale T. Knobel at Denison University in Granville, OH.

JENNIFER HOFFMAN
is attending Johns Hopkins University and is studying for her Master of Science in Developmental Psychology.

RAVI JAYATILEKE
is the newly elected treasurer of Washington College's Sri Lankan Alumni Chapter, which has 11 members and 100% alumni participation.

JULIA NORDHOFF
is living in Anchorage, AK, doing politically oriented environmental work. She also works in the healing arts as a reiki practitioner.

MA 1996

MARINE MAJOR WILLIAM G. LEFTWICH
has departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard two ships of the *USS Saipan* Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). One of more than 1,200 Marines and Sailors, William departed his home base of Camp Lejeune, NC as part of the ARG.

COURI MILLER
was hired by NASA to work in flight control for the Space Shuttle program in the Mission Control Center in Houston, TX.

IN MEMORIAM

Emerson Perry Smith, coach of cross country, track and basketball at Washington College from 1953-1955, died on August 23, 1998 in Annapolis, MD. He was a physical education professor at the U.S. Naval Academy for 29 years. He is survived by his wife Louise, two sons, a daughter, two brothers, a sister, and three grandchildren.

Charles T. Mahoney '29 died on July 3, 1998 of heart failure at Union Hospital in Elkton, MD. He had been a farmer for over 50 years on his family's farm in Rising Sun, MD. The 150-acre farm is an original land grant from William Penn and has remained in the Mahoney family for more than 200 years. Charles was a member of the Cecil County Historical Society. He is survived by a son, Joseph R., of Rising Sun, MD; a daughter, Sarah M. McGarvey of Port Deposit, MD; a sister, Louise B. Mahoney of Philadelphia, PA; and two grandsons.

Lieutenant Colonel Kennon Perrin '31 died on June 9, 1998 in Fort Belvoir, VA. While at Washington College, Kennon endowed a scholarship in his parents' names. He supported the College throughout his life with his gifts of time, energy, and philanthropy. In 1988 Kennon won the Alumni Citation Award.

James T. Anthony III '34 died on September 11, 1998 in Chestertown, MD. As a college student in 1931, at the time of the Chester River Bridge construction, he was awarded the prestigious Andrew Carnegie medal for heroism after rescuing a drowning teenager from the Chester River. He and his partner owned and operated Anthony's Flowers in Chestertown for more than 30 years. After his retirement, he helped his wife, Margaret, in the real estate business. He was a member of the Washington College Alumni Association. Several members of his family attended WC, including his sister Kitty Anthony Clements '37, brother-in-law Alday Clements '35, nephews Tony Clements '66 and Chris Clements '69, and great-niece Samantha Clements '93.

Honorable Louis L. Goldstein '35 died on Friday, July 3, 1998 in Prince Frederick, MD. As a Maryland legislator, Comptroller Goldstein was the longest-serving elected state official in the nation. He served on the Board of Visitors and Governors of Washington College for 41 years, the last 18 of them as Chairman. He is survived by his children Louisa, Philip, and Margaret Goldstein Janney '76.

Mildred Price Crane '41 died on July 5, 1997 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara, and her son, Jonathan.

Jean Hill Keene '49 died on May 31, 1998 in Chestertown, MD. She was buried at Sudlersville Cemetery. Jean worked as the secretary to Dr. Joseph H. McLain '37, President of Washington College from 1973 until his death in 1981. She is survived by her sister Joan Moore '53.

Bill Mulligan '50 died on September 16, 1998. While at Washington College, Bill was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. As an alumnus, he enthusiastically supported the College, particularly the athletics program, and never missed a reunion. He is survived by his sons, Thomas L. Mulligan and Major Michael J. Mulligan, both of Chestertown; four daughters, Sheila M. Greenwood of Secretary, Nora M. Graham of Arlington, VA, Molly M. Morton and Katy M. Weddell, both of Chestertown; two sisters, Virginia Capel of Worton and Kitty Mulligan Kelly '48 of Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

Mary Carolene Bowes Wetzel '50 died on June 30, 1998 in Raleigh, NC. Nicknamed "Urch," Mary Carolene was a member of the Washington Players and the College chapter of the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth H. Wetzel '51; three daughters, Linda Wetzel of Phoenix, AZ, Patricia W. Stephenson of Wake Forest, NC, and Marcia Wetzel-Reynolds of Loganville, GA; and one grandson, Justin R. Stephenson of Wake Forest, NC. She is also survived by a sister, Patricia Bowes Ward '53 of Salisbury, MD.

Patrick Joseph Yahner '78 died of a heart attack in Hobe Sound, FL, on September 11, 1998. A teaching tennis professional, Pat taught at the Jupiter Island Club, Lob Lolly Pines and the Willoughby Club in Hobe Sound, and at the Tarrantine Club in Ilseboro, ME. He is survived by brothers, Frank Yahner of Rockland, ME, and John Yahner of Chevy Chase, MD; a sister, Ann Yahner of Falls Church, VA; and six nieces and nephews.

1997

THOMAS P. WEBB
is taking graduate classes in psychology at Washington College while working full time as the program coordinator at Kent Center, Inc. based out of Betterton, MD.

CHRIS WIMER
is living in Annapolis, MD, and is working for the corporate offices of Land Rover North America as the manufacture representative for dealer/owner relations. He has been assigned 20 Land Rover dealerships along the East Coast from New Jersey to North Carolina and assists dealers on a corporate level to handle owner issues. "This job is right up my alley since my hobby for years has been automobiles. I love the family atmosphere of Land Rover North America and the special off-road events I get to attend on a regular basis."

1998

TYLER BENEDUM
was named Academic All-American by USRowing. He is studying at the University of Virginia.

MEGHAN BRUMBY
is working at National Geographic in Washington, DC.

JENNIFER SANDS
was named Academic All-American by USRowing.

P. ANNETTE THOMAS
is a research assistant with the University of Maryland Baltimore Center for Mental Health Services. She resides in Salisbury, MD, and is pursuing her master's degree at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES).

Dennis Berry: "Always Good To Go"

A EULOGY BY MAUREEN McINTIRE

WHEN JUDIE asked me to speak today about her husband and my colleague in the Student Affairs office, I was, of course, deeply honored. But I struggled late into the evening with two issues:

First, how to convey those unique characteristics that taken together made Dennis Berry a man so loved and respected. For Dennis was not a simple man; he was a man of many passions and purposes. I worried how to convey this complexity. But in watching the hundreds of people who have come here today, I realize I need not have worried. We each in our own way have been touched by Dennis' magic, that magic that was the "Berry Family," and each of us understands the uniqueness that was Dennis.

Secondly, I worried that I would not have the strength actually to stand here today and to speak to you. For Denny was my friend and my colleague and I shall miss him more that I can possibly express.

I have been blessed over the years with many wonderful friends and colleagues–none, however, with more spirit and love of life than Denny. It was his eagerness to embrace life that was the defining characteristic of Denny's life. As Denny himself would have said, he was "always good to go."

Among the "loves" in Denny's life were his friends and his children's friends. He talked about them often and at some length–as was Denny's style. He was a loyal friend–not a characteristic to be taken lightly. He was supportive and caring. Dennis was a sensitive friend, a man who often hid his sensitivity behind humor or, sometimes, even abruptness. But I always found that it was there, just below the surface, waiting to be tapped.

W. Dennis Berry
1951 – 1998

Dennis also loved his job. He truly did. He faced each day with excitement, eager for the challenges it would bring. He was always "up" and never seemed to have a "down" day. It could be tiring just watching Denny work. He regularly expressed surprise that he actually got paid to do the work he did.

Dennis particularly loved his role as mentor and coach–whether with the students who daily sought his advice and counsel, with his junior colleagues, with the many teammates of Tasha and Justin, or with those of us whom he convinced to join him in the Fitness Center. He was a patient teacher, always ready to listen and to offer advice. He was a motivator, convincing people to go just a bit further. The successes of the many young people–so many of whom are here today–whose lives he touched will stand as a living tribute to his memory.

In the past few days, Denny was promoted to Assistant Dean of Students, a hard-earned and much-deserved recognition. He was thrilled. He believed in the work that he was doing, took great pride in his association with Washington College, and was justly proud to have been recognized in this manner.

But all these roles–be they as friend, colleague, coach, or mentor–pale in comparison to his role as devoted son and brother and loving father and husband. Nothing in Denny's life was as important to him as his family: his parents, Judie's parents, his brother, his sisters and their families. Never doubt that he loved you greatly.

However, it was in his role as father to Tasha and Justin and husband to Judie that Denny shone, where he was his best–at the very "top of his game." There is no father who more loved his children or who was more devoted to them. No father was prouder of his children. So, Tasha and Jay, you are the real legacy your father has left us. You have been blessed with extraordinary parents–both your mother and your father. Your father was a good man and you have much of which to be proud.

Judie, only you know the depths of your relationship with Denny. The rest of us could only look on with awe and more than a bit of envy at your closeness. You were Denny's finest moment. All that was special in Denny was clearly on display in the open affection he expressed for you.

I knew Denny well enough to understand that he would have preferred to spend these final moments only with you, Judie, and his family. So, for all of us, I thank you for finding the strength to share this day with us. I hope you will find some measure of comfort in our presence, for we too have come to say "good-bye, Denny. We have loved you and we will miss you."

Maureen McIntire is Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs. She delivered this eulogy during funeral services for Dennis Berry, the Assistant Dean of Students who was killed while riding his bicycle on September 9, 1998.

COLLEGE EVENTS

November 15
College Chamber Orchestra Concert, Casey Academic Center Gallery, 4 p.m.

The Harwood Colloquy presents "The American Meritocracy at the Turn of the Century: Is it Fair?" Hynson Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

November 22
College Jazz Band Concert, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 4 p.m.

November 23
Student Recital, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

December 3-5
Student Drama Production, "The Second Coming of Joan of Arc" by Caroline Gage. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.
Admission $1 at the door.

December 4 & 5
Renaissance Christmas Dinner, Hodson Hall, 7 p.m. For tickets call 410-778-7875.

December 6
College Concert Band Concert, Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 4 p.m.

December 8
The Concert Series presents David and Ginger Hildebrand performing colonial music. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

December 11
Kent & Queen Anne's Alumni Holiday Party, Hynson-Ringgold House, 5 – 7 p.m.

December 11-12
Washington College Community Chorus performs Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*, Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Chestertown, 8 p.m.

January 20
Undergraduate classes begin.

January 29
Winter Convocation with distinguished guests Former U.S. President George Bush and Mrs. Bush along with James Watson, Nobel Prize winner for co-discovery of DNA's double helix. Admission limited to students, faculty, and staff.

February 1
The Concert Series presents Cello, a quartet performing a program ranging from contemporary world music to well-known classical music. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

February 19-20
Meeting of the Board of Visitors and Governors. Alumni Council on campus.

February 20
George Washington's Birthday Ball, Johnson Lifetime Fitness Center. For ticket information, call the Alumni Office at 1-800-422-1782, ext. 7812.

February 22
Noted presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin will speak on George Washington as part of the commemoration of "The Life, Legacy & Times of George Washington." Time and location TBA

March 22
The Concert Series presents Peter Schickele, creator of P.D.Q. Bach, with vocalist David Düsing. Tawes Theatre, Gibson Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m.

March 26
The Sophie Kerr Committee hosts Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate of the United States, reading from his works. Norman James Theatre, 4 p.m.

March 27
Caspersen Cup Rowing Regatta in Chestertown, 8 a.m.-noon.

April 17
Alumni Council meeting. Visiting Committee meeting.

May 20 - 23
1999 Reunion/ Commencement Weekend

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meet Jack S. Griswold

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As Campaign Chairman, Jay Griswold has made a major personal financial commitment, and contributes one day a week of his valuable time to the College's $72 million capital campaign.

HOME:
Cockeysville, Maryland

GIVING LEVEL:
Alonzo G. Decker Society

PROFILE:
When his daughter Sarah came to Washington College, Jay Griswold had no idea that he would become so involved in the life of the institution. A Princeton graduate and distinguished investment banker—formerly with Alex. Brown, now managing director of his own firm, Armata Partners, LP—Griswold is chairing the $72 million Campaign for Washington's College, the most ambitious drive in the history of the 216-year-old institution. Since 1993, he has been a dedicated member of the Board of Visitors and Governors. Also Chairman of the Maryland Historical Society, he has a profound respect for the past but realizes preserving its legacy requires both vigilance and capital.

HIS DREAM:
"I am committed to helping to underwrite the future of Washington's College. One of my goals is to establish the Center for the Study of the American Experience. In keeping with the tradition established by George Washington, we want to bring together the nation's top minds to revisit the miracle of the founding of American democracy."

ON GIVING:
"Washington College is an excellent institution worthy of the investments it will take to become one of America's greatest small colleges. With the help of alumni, parents, friends, and faculty, together we can lift Washington College to new levels of achievement and distinction. That's what the Campaign for Washington's College is all about. I urge friends and alumni to consider what they can do personally to add to the legacy of George Washington and William Smith."